

Agenda Minutes
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 14, 2010
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Laura Magaraci, Daniel Armin and Hank Petroskey

Members Absent: Lorane Black, David Bowen, Frances Conant, Deborah Anderson, Elizabeth Boissard and Nancy Cianciulli

Guests: None.

1) Call to Order

The discussion started at 7:38 p.m. by Chairperson Mary Bigelow.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

The Committee faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2009: As there was no quorum present, a motion could not be made to approve minutes.

4) Correspondence: Chairperson Bigelow handed out all mail she had received to date for review.

5) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Town Manager, Richard

Branigan: Purchasing Assistant, Michelle Knockwood reviewed the budget with the Committee and asked for any comments and/or changes. A brief discussion then followed regarding trash bids. A brief discussion then also followed regarding a call the Town received from We Recycle and the recycling of electronics. The discussion focused on whether or not there will be cost charged to the Town or whether the manufacturers are supposed to be picking up the costs of recycling. Tom Scelfo will attempt to get clarification of this from Mr. Metzner at his meeting tomorrow. solid waste info from laura – earth day notification - --discussion on putting together a committee with all three school systems to put together an earth day celebration – laura suggested a trash pick up around earth day..

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6) **Sub-Committee Reports:**

Discussion E – Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo – Tom reported that the e-waste plan went to public hearing at the end of October and the State is still on schedule.

Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo – Town Manager Branigan stated that he will check to see if John Gesmonde had been provided the proper information on this matter and will report back.

Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Liz had nothing to report as she did not make to Town Hall.

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – Nothing to report.

School Liaison – Hank Petroskey – Mr. Petroskey reported that spoke with Roberta Mack at NBIS and will touch base with her again after first of year. Discussion regarding collecting cans and bottles from the potato/corn festival then followed. Mr. Petroskey also reported that he has not heard from anyone at the elementary schools and it was suggested that they set up a meeting with Superintendent Schoonmaker to discuss recycling at the schools.

Public Relations - Dan Armin– Nothing to report. Public relations – Dan Armin reported that the leaf drop sign was completed and was not sure if he was supposed to pick it up. Hank Petroskey stated that he did pick it up and it looks good. Dan Armin stated that we still need to decide on a sign for the building and estimates that the cost will be pretty much the same as the other sign. He also stated that he would take a photograph of the building and send that to the Committee to decide what type of sign should be ordered.

Report Town Council – Status on Recycling Ordinance and need extra people for this committee, there is still one vacancy to be filled and several terms expiring the end of 2009.

Publicity/Articles for Newspapers – Laura Magaraci – Laura stated that she has not yet published anything. She is working on Christmas trees and curbside pickup. Publicity – Laura put together an ad for associate members – she then looked for clarification on when Christmas tree pick up will be taking place and whether or not it would it be with the regular pick up....book update she is e-mailing to her work e-mail a certificate of insurance and laura will forward it to our office.

Containers for Telephone Books – David Bowen – Chairperson Bigelow reported that we have a new phone book receptacle now.

Results of December 5, 2009 Drop-Off and Propane Collection – It was reported that 48 vehicles came in and two bins went out with no money being collected.

Status of collection of Books at Drop-Off Center – Ms. Magaraci stated that she finally heard back from the woman who is supposed to be getting her the certificate of insurance and confirmed that it will be sent to her.

7) **Other Business:**

Discussion Regarding Appointments: Hank Petroskey reported that he did speak with Deb Ferraro who said that she is still interested in serving on the Committee and perhaps she will be available after the first of the year.

Volunteers for the January 2, 2010 Paper Drop-Off: Daniel Armin and Elizabeth

Boissard volunteered with Nancy Cianciulli acting as back-up.

Discussion of Trash Card for 2010: Mr. Scelfo presented the final revised Trash Card for 2010. The Committee reviewed the changes he made and thanked him for making the changes. It was agreed that he would forward it to Gina with a reminder that it needs to be printed on recycled paper. A discussion then followed regarding contacting the recycling company on Ciro Road and offering a spot on the card for advertising. Dan Armin will make contact with them and report back to the Committee.

Nominations for Officers for 2010-2011: A motion was made by Hank Petroskey, seconded by Laura Magaraci to nominate the existing officers to serve another term. An election will be held at the next meeting.

Report Hazwaste Central MPC: Chairperson Bigelow stated that Hazwaste Central will be putting on a roof it will cost approximately \$1,200.00. A brief discussion followed regarding the fact that the Clean Harbors contract is up in November 2010 and it is projected that we will be paying approximately \$55.00 per household on a new contract.

Report CT Recycler Coalition Annual Meeting: Chairperson Bigelow reviewed issues that were discussed at the CT Recycler Coalition Annual Meeting. Discussion followed regarding whether or not commercial/industrial business are properly recycling and that it is the Town's responsibility to get them to recycle and whether or not it would be beneficial to include language in our ordinance to put pressure on them for recycling. plastics going to Canada – the other numbers of plastics – it's hand sorted right now. – there was a discussion on commercial and industrial recycle in the town – it is the town's responsibility to get them to recycle...and it needs to be done by ordinance to put pressure on them....their suggestion was to have one dumpster big enough for all of them to use, however in their individual businesses they would need their own recycling bins. Discussion then followed regarding the Stewardship Council was discussed, including paint recycling and pillow recycling.

8) Miscellaneous:

Discussion took place regarding the fact that we do not have any language in our ordinance for commercial businesses for recycling.

9) Citizen's Statement: None

10) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Meaghan T. Campbell, Secretary

Cto – 7:38

Michelle reported that tech supplies cut back to /\$500 from \$750. – no recycling bins required...reviewed budget - cog is at \$16,500.00 -
Asked if there were any changes or comments...

Supposed to have all equipment ready this month for accepting higher number plastics...

Michelle said that she has many bids in front of her for trash bids – andy bozzutto has offered to extend contract – mike doody said we may see more competitive pricing now...single stream info – solid waste info from laura – earth day notification - --discussion on putting together a committee with all three school systems to put together an earth day celebration – laura suggested a trash pick up around earth day..

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Tom – ewaste plan- same haven’t had a chance to go off schedule.
Mary said she got some deadlines – looking at September for the approval f the regulation – has to go back to the governor...june deadline

Trash recycling ordiance – Richard said that it was the screen of town attorney tim yolen so we have attorney john gesmonde and he will attempt to resurrect the document throu his office and see what happens.

Liz did not get to town hall – nothing to report – no kits sent out

Debie not here – working fine – no new dates to put on it...

Hank talked with new superintendent – he said to call and set up a meeting and he set it for next Tuesday at 2:00 – mary nancy, Richard and hank...will let him know what we’re doing – earth day an discuss what recycling is being done a the schools – hank asked what we want to stress at the meeting – dan said it would be the fact that the schools don’t have a recycling stanndar at all

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of schools - will report back – had no contact with anyone else will be meeting with intermediate school again next month – will call Roberta mack to confirm.
Mary got a request from bill choti – said he needs more bins – he said they're expanding areas and need more...dan asked who is responsible for the cost – mary said we should speak with the superintendent about it – track coach inquired about getting recyclables for a fundraiser and asked if we could provide a dumpster

Public relations – dan took pictures of signs on the building to review what we may want to change....

Richard asked that whatever is sent out that we get a copy of it so that there is no question about what is published...

Town Council meeting – report to tc that we have a new recycling card coming out mention to them that we have a vacancy and we're having a hard time filling it – and there are six terms expiring at the end of the year. submitting ordinance back to the town attorney Hank did speak with deb ferraro – she said perhaps after the first of the year she can do it she is dealing with some personal issues...

Publicity – Laura did the associates letter – on our website we have a full description of what goes into paper recyclable...state that they can put them in their recycling bins...

January 2 drop off – filled dumpster – no bins sol – no propane taken in dan thinks we had 33 cars – question regarding what single stream meant – one person wanted to know if we were able to recycle food scraps from the schools...

Volunteers – February 7, 2010– hank can – laura may be able to – and we'll check with liz to see if she can cover or not as back up.

Trash card. – donee

Mary reviewed ct product stewardship council – she has been appointed on the paint committee..been discussions on whether to take oil-based too...pharmeciuticals an fertilizers will be looked into next...a man talked to them from sierra club pushing the bag bill an trying to get us on board with us – nothing resolved wants us to work on us discouraging people from using plastic bags at the store....committee will be meeting quarterly.

Hank said the volunteers is for February 6, 2010 not the 2/7/10....

Adjournment – 9:03