

**AGENDA MINUTES  
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Thursday, December 11, 2008  
Town Hall  
7:30 p.m.**

- Members Present:** Mary Bigelow, Hank Petroskey, Thomas Scelfo, Frances Conant, David Bowen, Laura Magaraci and Elizabeth Boissard
- Members Absent:** Kate Fleming, Daniel Armin, Deborah Anderson, Lorane Black and Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood
- Guests:** Town Manager, Richard V. Branigan

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 October 9, 2008**

Elizabeth Boissard made a motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2008, seconded by Tom Scelfo, all were in favor.

**4) Correspondence**

Mary Bigelow introduced Steven Pjura from Orange. Steven mentioned he volunteers his time one day - once a month for the Town of Orange. Steven is in a leadership program with the Town of Orange. Steven mentioned there are numerous of locations around town where bins are placed for residents to dispose of light bulbs and phones books. Orange has a transfer station and then trash gets transported to Stratford.

**5) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood**

**Discussion of Bulky Waste/leaves/brush disposal:** Town Manager, Richard Branigan mentioned he had a meeting with Debra Ferraro regarding the last bulky waste and scrap metal pickup, next year the feelings is there may not be a problem due to Hartford landfill will be closing and the trash can go to Circle of Life and/or Cherry Hill Construction which will cut down on the time that the trucks have to go to Hartford and Essex. Richard mentioned the Solid Waste is up this year compared to the preceding year.

## 6) HazWaste Report/CT Solid Waste Management Plan Report

Mary Bigelow mentioned the roof at Hazwaste Central in New Haven needs a new roof, total cost of the roof is \$60,000. In the reserve funds there is \$32,821. Regional Water Authority will be loaning Hazwaste Central the remaining amount. Mary also mentioned there will be an increase with fees associated with Hazwaste Central. Clean Harbor costs will be increasing their fee to disposal of the hazardous waste. Clean Harbor contract will be up for renewal (this contract will be going to bid), and current cost is \$37/per household and may increase to \$60-\$80/per household.

## 7) Sub-Committee Reports:

*Discussion E – Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo*

Thomas Scelfo spoke about an E-Waste Act that will be mandated as of July 1, 2009; Thomas mentioned this commission has to start planning regarding the E-Waste Plan.

*Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo* - Gina Cox, secretary mentioned that the Town Attorney is still reviewing the ordinance.

*Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard*- Need more information packages, have not made any up as of yet; will do more information packages when the recycling/trash card is done for 2009. Ten more cards went out.

*Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson* – absent.

*School Liaison – Hank Petroskey*- Hank has been speaking with Principal Saulis at the high school. The Environmental Club at the high school is getting ready to produce a video regarding recycling, if this committee has any ideas or suggestions, let Hank know. The Environmental Club will be doing some morning announcements at the high school regarding recycling.

*Public Relations – Dan Armin & David Bowen* – Nothing to report

*Council Report*- Town Manager mentioned he reported to Town Council the E-Waste Plan.

*Publicity/Articles for Newspapers – Laura Magaraci* – Christmas tree pickup information, also would like to do an article about 'recycle' row will let the resident know about the different types of bins that are available at Public Works.

*Containers for Telephone Books – Frances Conant* – Mary mentioned the telephone books are still waiting for pickup.

*Results of December Drop-Off and Propane Collection* – David Bowen mentioned there was 42 people and sold three (3) recycle bin.

*Leaf Drop-Off Report – Lorane Black*- absent.

## 8) Other Business:

**Discussion Regarding Appointments:** Appointments five (5) members need to be reappointed, by the end of December. All appointments were tabled until the January 6<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting.

**Volunteers for the January 3, 2009 Paper Drop-Off:** The volunteers for January 3<sup>rd</sup> Paper Drop-Off will be Liz Boissard and Hank Petroskey.

**Collection of Books at Drop-Off Center – Laura Magaraci** – Will contact the person in charge of the book bin and let them know the town is interested in participating in their program.

**Review Recycling/Trash Card – Gina Cox** - The committee made some changes to the annual Recycling/Trash card. Thomas Scelfo will try to convert the card to a word document.

**9) Miscellaneous:** Need a better sign for the leave drop off center, something with legs was suggested.

**10) Citizen’s Statement:** None

**11) Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Laura Magaraci made a motion, seconded by Hank Petroskey to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed.

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Gina A. Cox, Secretary