

Agenda Minutes
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 10, 2010
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Elizabeth Boissard, Hank Petroskey, Daniel Armin, Donna Cordone, David Bowen, Deborah Anderson and Art Feldman

Members Absent: Nancy Ciancuilli , Lorane Black,

Guest Present: Gerald Baldino

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 January 13, 2010 Motion was made by Tom Scelfo and seconded by Dan Armin to approve the amended minutes of January 13, 2010 with Deb Anderson and Dave Bowen abstaining.

4) Correspondence: Review of correspondence – Resource Recycling and Biocycle Magazines were passed around for review. Hank Petroskey’s email about Got Books was mentioned. Our new Recycling/ Trash card was handed out. The North Branford MSW report for January 2011 was passed around for review. Art wants to know the actual savings we are getting from recyclables vs. MSW costs so we can publicize it.

5) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Town Manager, Richard Branigan: No report given neither Town Manager Branigan nor Purchasing Assistant Knockwood were present.

6) Sub-Committee Reports:

Status of Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo – Tom discussed the information leading up to our submitting an e-waste plan. He stated only 5 towns had not submitted a plan and North Branford was one of them. We discussed the draft that Tom had emailed to us and brought to the meeting. We liked his version, only adding one item to Part IV, Section B and fixing a typo. There was a discussion about the limited number of approved recyclers: CER (only one in CT). Perhaps these 6 CER will have a local presence in CT if they subcontract work to local

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companies? Tom will send the revised form to Michelle and Richard for approval and they will decide which recycler our town chooses.

Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo – No update.

Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Liz reported that she sent out 3 cards for January. She, also, sent out the thank you cards for helping with the leaf collection and a get well card to Lorane.

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – Deb said it is up and running. She put the updated electronic dates on for January.

School Liaison – Hank Petroskey and Dan Armin – Hank and Dan met with the school staff and felt they were a receptive audience. The main concern is that there are not enough recycle totes/bins at the schools. There has been email communication but the schools still don't have enough bins. Dan is waiting to hear from Bill Chiodi. Hank spoke about needing someone from the school to be present at our meetings. He felt the school staff thought it was a good idea. Earth Day was not discussed but Hank and Dan may set up another meeting with the Superintendent.

Public Relations –Art Feldman – Signs – Art stated he will bring an image of the proposed sign and our web page to the next meeting. He will also add the new ewaste information to our sign.

Publicity & Articles – Donna & Nancy – Nancy is still working with The Sound and trying to get them to print more articles. Totoket Times has been doing a good job. A new section concerning recycling trivia should be in the next Totoket Times. Art mentioned putting an article highlighting single stream and the increase in more plastics being accepted.

Report Town Council – Chairperson Bigelow stated that the Town Council needs to reappoint 5 members of our committee since their last meeting was canceled. Dan may attend and will mention our completed E-waste Plan and that we filled 2 truckloads at our collection in January. He will also remind the Town Council that the new Trash/Recycling card will be available to residents.

Bin Row Containers – David Bowen – Dave stated all the bins were in good shape.

Report on January 15, 2011 Paper Drop-Off and Ewaste Collection - Mary stated there were @126 people who attended. One welcome card was redeemed and one bin was sold for \$10. Two trucks were filled with the ewaste.

Report on February 5, 2011 Paper Drop-Off - 22 people came and 2 welcome cards were redeemed. Dave stated the paper bin needs to be emptied before the next collection date.

Leaf Drop Off – Lorane Black – No report

7) Other Business:

- **Status regarding future appointments** – Dan will mention at next Town Council meeting.
- **N.B.E.-Waste Plan** – Completed and sent to Richard and Michelle for approval.
- **Budget for 2010-2011** – No report
- **Solid Waste/Recycling Card** – It has been printed but we do not know when it is being given to the public.
- **Volunteers for February 5, 2011 Paper Drop Off** – Dave Bowen and Deb Anderson volunteered.
- **Video Production for Cable** – Mary stated that cable would like a production to put on the cable network. Donna and Art will try to contact Hugo Olguin and set up a meeting. Hank gave Art the video the high school students made a few years ago so he can review it.

8) Miscellaneous:

9) Citizen's Statement: Gerald Baldino, a 2006 NBHS graduate, attended the meeting. He is a reporter for Patch.com which is a news outlet for our town. He told us a bit about the website and we also discussed some ideas for Earth Day. He gave us the name of his editor, Jason Bagley, as a contact person for future publicity.

10) Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03p.m.

Elizabeth Boissard, Recording Secretary
Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee