

**AGENDA MINUTES  
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Thursday, February 12, 2009  
Town Hall  
7:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, David Bowen, Laura Magaraci, Daniel Armin, Deborah Anderson, Elizabeth Boissard and Lorane Black

**Members Absent:** Hank Petroskey, Frances Conant, and Nancy Cianciulli

**Guests:** Town Manager, Richard V. Branigan

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 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 8, 2009**

Lorane Black made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2009, seconded by Deb Anderson, all were in favor. David Bowen, Laura Magaraci and Elizabeth Boissard abstain.

**4) Correspondence**

No correspondence but Laura Magaraci passed out copies of the Waste News Magazine for anyone who is interested in reading the magazine.

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

**Discussion of Bulky Waste/leaves/brush disposal:** Town Manager, Richard Branigan spoke about the budget. Town Manager mentioned he is in the process sitting with all department heads on their budget. The town is trying for a zero increase. Town Manager mentioned this year's budget would stay the same except under "Contractual Services" \$500.00 was reduced for printing/binding account.

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

No Hazwaste meeting.

- Mary Bigelow mentioned there is not date for the Spring Electronic collection as of yet.

- Sneaker collection will not be going to Yale this year; a new drop off location will be in Middletown between the months of April and June.
- Mary mentioned Smart Waste (pay as you throw program) DEP big on this. DEP did a survey and it reported 25% of the State recycle. DEP is questioning what would it take to bring it up to 58%. Not all towns recycle the same.
- Food Waste is becoming more marketable.
- Best Buy collects ink cartridges and batteries. Staples accept HP cartridge and you get a \$3.00 refund.

## 7) Sub-Committee Reports:

*Discussion E – Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo* – The E-Waste Plan is still in the draft stages as soon copy is available Tom will share with the committee.

*Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo* – Town Manager mentioned the ordinance is still with the Town Attorney and apologize the review is taking so long.

*Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard-* Elizabeth is waiting for the Park & Recreation Spring/Summer brochure to be ready in order to add the brochure to the welcome kits. Elizabeth also had an old Historical Society brochure which she would like to add to the kits, Lorane Black will check and see if there are any available at the historical society, if not, copies can be made.

*Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson* – Still is having the same problem with the answering machine. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't!

*School Liaison – Hank Petroskey – Absent* but Dan mentioned Hank's scheduled to meet with The Environmental Club on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Public Relations – Dan Armin & David Bowen* – Dan spoke with the Town Manager regarding Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, prior to this meeting with some ideas to bring to this committee. Some suggestions are as following: Get school children involved; have a town-wide clean-up day; tree planting. It was suggested to combine Earth Day and North Branford Day which is May 2<sup>nd</sup> together. Laura Magaraci has volunteered to help Dan and David on this project. Town Manager suggested maybe Agway in North Branford would like to participate in North Branford Day/Earth Day with the town. Lorane Black was going to contact Agway.

*Council Report-* Town Manger mentioned he will report to Town Council the E-Waste Plan, North Branford Recycle Day and Earth Day.

*Publicity/Articles for Newspapers – Laura Magaraci* - Laura would like to do the following articles: an article on disposal of light bulbs, sneakers collection, press release on "Recyclers Row" which is located at the Public Works Garage.

*Containers for Telephone Books – Frances Conant – Absent* but Mary mentioned the books were picked up.

*Results of February Drop-Off and Propane Collection* – Tom mentioned there was 52 people and sold two (3) recycle bin (\$30.00), three (3) postcards were collected for free recycling bin.

## 8) Other Business:

**Discussion Regarding Appointments:** Mary asked if everyone to got sworn in. There still is one vacant position.

**Volunteers for the March 7, 2009 Paper Drop-Off:** The volunteers for March 7th Paper Drop-Off will be David Bowen and Laura Magaraci. Mary mentioned Hank is still collecting 2008 calendars; the calendars are recycled into envelopes.

**Collection of Books at Drop-Off Center – Laura Magaraci** – will call and check on the status of the bin.

**9) Miscellaneous:** Lorane Black asked if the Spring Leave Drop-Off will be the same this year as last year; Town Manager answered ‘yes’.

**10) Citizen’s Statement:** None

**11) Adjournment:**

There being no further business, by Daniel Armin made a motion, seconded by David Bowen to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed.

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Gina A. Cox, Secretary