

**Agenda Minutes**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, April 14, 2011**  
**Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.**

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

**Members Absent:** Hank Petroskey, Lorane Black

**1) Call to Order**

The discussion started at 7:45 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 March 10, 2011** - Motion was made by Hank Petroskey and seconded by Elizabeth Boissard to approve the amended minutes of March 10, 2011.

**4) Correspondence:** Review of correspondence – Correspondence – Mary handed out brochure for 30<sup>th</sup> annual Northeast Recycling Conference & Expo to take place on 6/6 and 6/7.

**5) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Town Manager, Richard Branigan** Mary reported that a resolution came from Hazwaste Central in December for this Town to become a member and be supportive and at that time, there was a question on insurance and finances brought up by the Town Attorney and Town Manager. The matter is going before the council on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the Town will not go with a 3 year resolution, will only go with a 1 year resolution with no explanation to Mary and no one will give her an answer to what our alternative would be because there is no other way. Mary is going to go before the Town Council to try to get some answers.

**6) Sub-Committee Reports:**

*Status of E-Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo* – got an e-mail from Tom Metzner saying that the town hasn't sent the e-waste plan yet and asked if he was still the correct contact person. Tom wrote back to and told Tom Metzner that the Town has the forms and is working on getting them back, then forwarded the message to Richard and Michelle on March 30<sup>th</sup> that they now have to choose a vendor as the DEP is looking for the Town to get the plan in. Tom has not heard back from either of them yet.

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*Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo* – Tom has heard nothing still waiting on attorney.

*School Liaison – Hank Petroskey and Dan* – Dan is still waiting to hear back from Bill Choti with regard to what more the schools need to progress with recycling. Mary asked that he check to be sure that they have recycling bins in the Home Economics classrooms, there have been reports of cans being opened and thrown in the garbage as there are no recycling bins.

*Public Relations – Art – Signs* – Art reported that he has made some additions and deletions to the signage at the recycling center and passed around samples for the Committee to review. It was discussed and agreed that Art would be attending the next Town Council meeting on behalf of the group.

*Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard-* Liz reported that she sent out 4 cards for February and 4 cards for March. She also received new flyers from Parks and Rec and will make new packets for next Saturday.

*Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson* – Debbie reported that the machine is up and running and she needs specifics about Earth Day to get on there. Art said he'll have a script for the machine by next week.

*Leaf Drop Off – Elizabeth Boissard* – Mr. Castner is doing it next Saturday and Easter Weekend; April 23<sup>rd</sup> Dan will cover 9-12 and on April 30<sup>th</sup> Debbie will cover 12:00-3:00. Liz also spoke with Stephanie and Ed Boughton for cub scouts and boy scouts to volunteer and she'll be emailing the Woman's Club.

*Publicity & Articles – Donna & Nancy* – Donna reported that they are planning running press releases for Earthday, and inquired as to whether or not there is a way to have an email address for people volunteering to clean up their own neighborhood to take pictures and send emails showing the work they've done. We also need a contact email address for volunteers. Tom has created a gmail account – Nbeearthday11@gmail.com.

*Report Town Council* – Art will be going to next council meeting.

*Containers for Telephone Books – David Bowen* – Dave reported that they've added a port-a-potty to bin row. Book bin was emptied, emptied on premises during the town garage hours. Mary asked Art to inform Fran that the paper dumpster needs emptying.

*Volunteers for Paper Drop-Off and Ewaste Collection* – 39 people came thru 11 propane tanks collected with \$2.00 being collected for propane, 3 motor oil drop offs, sold 2 recycling bins for \$20.00 and 2 welcome cards came in. 86 people came for electronics.

**7) Other Business:**

- **Status regarding future appointments** – Mary stated that newly appointed people need to be sworn in.
- **Earth Day Discussion** – Art handed out the sign-up sheet and liability and release form, with a few changes. He noted that Big Y wants to supply volunteers and refreshments. He noted that there are three (3) park locations and there should be 3 leaders for each location. Members will be at Public Works at 8:30 that morning. Donna will lead at Totoket Park, Dan will handle North Farms Park and Hank or Dennis will be sure to have someone check in on Northford Park. Donna, Mary, Tom, Dan and Art will be available to volunteer that day. We are still waiting to hear back from Bill Choti regarding where the clean up will be taking place at the schools, but is sure the Middle School/High School Campus is the best place for pick up. Fran Merola is providing bags and will work with Dan to pick up the trash at the different locations. Will provide two different colored bags so recyclables can be collected too.
- **Volunteers for May 7, 2011 Paper Drop Off** – Liz and Dave volunteered with Meaghan as back up.
- **Video Production for Cable** – no report.
- **Conference hosted by Product Steward Institute** – Art and Mary attended the Mattress Stewardship and Art stated that there was a strong sense of people talking by each other rather than to each other. The meeting was a national meeting and there were 35 to 40 in attendance and a like number on conference call or internet. It was noted that our facility (CRRA) has no place to tear the mattresses apart, they grind them up and incinerate them and we pay approximately \$35.00 per mattress, while other areas of the country are paying \$7.00 - \$8.00 per mattress. It was noted that there are companies out there that rip them apart and salvage most of the materials. It was also noted that there is a new facility that has opened up in Bridgeport that does this, but they did not get a relative cost to compare to. Discussion focused on how to pay for mattresses and no agreement was met on that issue. The second issue was what constitutes mattress and box spring recycling and developing a standard in disposing of mattresses. Another issue focused on was data on how many mattresses are being recovered or recycled? Another issue discussed was the fact that there is a segment of the mattress market that is refurbished and there are no refurbishment standards set up and no information from retailers and their take back information.

**8) Miscellaneous:** N/A

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**9) Citizen's Statement:** None

**10) Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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Meaghan T. Campbell, Secretary