

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

**Members Present:** Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Elizabeth Boissard, Deborah Anderson, Hank Petrosky, Donna Cordone and Art Feldman

**Members Absent:** Daniel Armin, David Bowen, Nancy Ciancuilli

**1) Call to Order**

The discussion started at 7:35 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 April 14, 2011** - Motion was made by Hank Petroskey and seconded by Elizabeth Boissard to approve the amended minutes of April 14, 2011.

**4) Correspondence:** None

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

**Branigan** – Richard reported that the e-waste plan was submitted to Tom Metzner. Tom Scelfo reported that Michelle Knockwood called him this afternoon and asked if the Town has to choose a vendor now or later. Mary stated that she has run into Tom Metzner and he has asked her about the Town's plan. Tom Scelfo reviewed the current regulations and cannot find any language stating that you have to use a recycler. It was noted that there are no vendors available in State. Richard then reported that the Hazwaste Resolution has been sent down and issued payment and tickler is in place to do the same thing at the time of renewal. Richard also gave an update on the town budget as it applies to this committee going forward and stated that the next year status quo with no salary increases on the Town's side of the budget, and some increases in pension contributions, debt services, etc.. In terms of budget itself the Town Council will have a motion to set mill rate at 27.77 mills at next Tuesday night's meeting. The Town Council will be taking action on the budget as recommended at that time. The unknown factor is what is happening at the state level. Lastly, Richard stated that on July 1<sup>st</sup> we will be entering our last year with CRRA and noted that the Town has been courted by Midconn and that all options will be looked at in the next several months.

**6) Sub-Committee Reports:**

*Status of E-Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo* – See Report of Town Manager above. It was reported that a number people are asking when we will have another e-waste collection. Mary noted that on the regular e-waste plan they want to make changes to the state plan at DEP and have chosen 4 areas where they will make changes. Art asked if we should be planning to have an e-waste collection in July.

*Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo* – It is in the hands of the town attorney as reported by Richard Branigan.

*School Liaison – Hank Petroskey and Dan* – Hank reported that he sent an email to each of the school teachers they have been working with and cc'd Scott Schoonmaker, Superintendent, indicating that they have some openings on the committee and he has not heard back from anyone, he will send him a reminder. Hank also stated that he did not know if Dan got in touch with anyone from the school about bins.

*Public Relations – Art – Signs* – Art reported that he spoke to Hugo at the station and has an idea of what he is after as far as advertising goes, they have some good equipment to work with, but the committee would have to come up with a script and produce whatever we want on there. Art also inquired about having a slide production shown and they would be able to do that. Art reported that Big Y was great to work with, they donated 4 cases of water and asked if the Committee could send something out to thank them. Liz said she has a letter that they send for volunteers helping and she will send it to Art via email. Donna said she'll publish a thank you also thanking all volunteers specifically naming Big Y. Art showed pictures of areas of the ball fields where garbage was collected on the Earth Day Celebration. Richard stated that those pictures will be sent to the leagues to remind them to pick up after themselves. Tom stated one email went to [nbearthday@gmail.com](mailto:nbearthday@gmail.com) and thanked Donna for sending a picture of her husband planting a tree.

*Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard-* Liz reported that she sent out 3 cards for April. Art asked if welcome kits are sent to new residents of condominiums. Liz stated that she has checked with several condominium complexes and was told that either residents have their own bin or they have a large bin for all to use. Mary asked if it would be worthwhile to find out how many associations there are and remind them of the state statute that they have to recycle. Richard stated that he would send a memo with the checks going out to each association reminding them that their residents must recycle. Tom reviewed the language in the current ordinance stating that they have to recycle and Richard will send a copy.

*Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson* – Debbie checked tonight, and everything is working properly. If there is anything new to put on it, she will need a script and asked that it be kept "short and sweet".

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*Leaf Drop Off – Elizabeth Boissard* – Liz sent out thank you notes to all of the people on the list. The total vehicles that came through were 78. Liz also bought a card to send to Lorane saying that we'll miss her. Mary will ask Joann and see if we can get a plaque and proclamation thanking her for her service.

*Containers for Telephone Books – David Bowen* – Art said he was there and everything looked to be ok.

*Publicity & Articles – Donna & Nancy* – Donna said that Nancy got a press release into sound for Earth Day and Donna got Totoket Time ads in for leaves and earth day. The next deadline is tomorrow for Donna and she will advertise that we need volunteers for the committee.

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

*Paper Drop-Off May 7, 2011* – 51 Cars came through, sold 2 bins, took in sneakers, one tire and cell phones for total of \$25.00.

#### **7) Other Business:**

- **Status regarding future appointments** – Will be advertised and other members are asking.
  - **Earth Day Discussion** – Art said we need to start soliciting volunteers earlier next year to get a better turn out. Hank added that they should have daily announcements at the schools and it was agreed that notification of Earth Day Celebration should be shown repeatedly on the cable network. Donna suggested targeting religious groups to volunteer and Liz stated that we should try to get volunteers from different sports groups as they are the biggest offenders. Donna reported that there were a few things discovered during earth day clean up. One issued was that there were an awful lot of beer bottles and cans behind rocks on the path to the leaf drop off at the Public Works site, and the other was that on the way to the farm river came across 8-10 nursery stock trees that should have been planted a long time ago. Mary said that Fran Merola has a place for all of them, they just have not been planted yet. Art said he went further on the Eagle Scout trail and it was cleared.
  - **Volunteers for June 4, 2011 Paper Drop Off** – Art and Meaghan volunteered with Liz as a backup. A brief discussion also followed regarding scheduling of the next e-waste collection and it was agreed that it should be scheduled for July 9, 2011.
  - **Video Production for Cable** – no report.
- 8) **Miscellaneous:** Mary reported that she attended Stewardship Council Meeting regard paint recycling and listened to a speaker from Minnesota who recycles latex, adding that she learned a lot about paint. She noted that there a many stages that paint goes through

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and if left in the garage for a long period of time, you should not use it. Mary noted that this company even recycles the pain cans so it is a complete recycling of all materials. The company doing the presentation was Amazon Environmental, Inc. and the person speaking, John Segala, stated that they are looking for a place to set up business, specifically in West Haven at this time.

Hank said the Hazwaste Central signs are up until the fall. Hazwaste Central is August 27<sup>th</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Art said there is a Resource Recycling Newsletter going around that states that you need to buy the recycle labels for your bins from them and that the recycle symbols for plastics are changing and we need to get those logos for our use.

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

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

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Meaghan T. Campbell, Secretary