

Agenda Minutes
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 9, 2011
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Donna Cordone

1) Call to Order

The discussion started at 7:32 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 May 14, 2011 – Art Feldman made a motion, seconded by Deborah Anderson, to approve the amended minutes of the May 14, 2011 and Dan Armin and David Bowen abstained.

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 1st 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 – The plan has been submitted to DEP and Purchasing Assistant, Michelle Knockwood completed a survey on line for DEP and is now waiting for approval.

State Electronic Collection – Nothing to report.

Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo – Need to check the status with Town Manager, Richard Branigan.

School Liaison – Hank Petroskey and Dan – Dan reported that he is very discouraged with the schools participation in recycling, as nothing has changed. Bill Choti attending a meeting with the Committee and Dan and Hank have both called Scott Schoonmaker to no avail. Dave suggested sending a letter to the Superintendent.

Public Relations – Art – Signs – Art reported that he has been shopping for videos and would like to send them to the schools and on the local cable access channel.

Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Liz reported that there were none sent out.

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – Debbie reported that it is working property and will update with all current information as necessary.

Leaf Drop Off – Elizabeth Boissard – Liz had nothing to report.

Containers for Telephone Books – David Bowen – Art stated that the roll-off container is full and he contacted Fran Merola to have it emptied and bins outside are fin.

Publicity & Articles – Donna & Nancy – Nancy reported that press releases have been sent to the Sound and Totoket Times for the July 9, 2011 e-waste collection and they will be preparing articles to be published for single string recycling.

Report Town Council – Dan will be attending the June 21, 2011 Town Council meeting.

Paper Drop-Off May 7, 2011 – 40 cars came through, 6 propane tanks (1 full with a rusty valve), 4 people dropped off books, 4 dropped off cell phones and 6 dropped off phone books. Art mention that you can “opt-out” of having phone books delivered to your house and the residents should be made aware of this by going to www.yellowpageoptout.com.

7) Other Business:

- **Status regarding future appointments** – 3 members need to be re-appointed.

- **Volunteers for July 9, 2011 Paper Drop Off** – Dan, Hank, Dave and Mary volunteered and Art stated he could serve as back-up with Liz possibly being able to attend too
- **Volunteers for HazWaste Control August 27, 2011** – Liz, Donna, Hank and Tom volunteered with one more volunteer being needed.
- **Video Production for Cable** – Art is working on material for the video production.

Miscellaneous: Mary reported that the Paint Stewardship was passed;, signed by the Governor, signed by the legislation and is now Senate Bill 820.

9) Citizen's Statement: None

10) Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes Taken By Purchasing Assistant, Michelle Knockwood

Michelle Knockwood

Minutes Transcribed by Meaghan T. Campbell, Recording Secretary

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