

Agenda Minutes
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 9, 2010
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, David Bowen, Deborah Anderson, Laura Magaraci, Nancy Cianciulli, Lorane Black, Elizabeth Boissard, Daniel Armin, Hank Petroskey, Art Feldman and Donna Cardone

Members Absent: None

Guests: None.

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 July 8, 2010

A motion was made by Elizabeth Boissard and seconded by Daniel Armin to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2010 meeting, as amended and the motion carried unanimously.

4) Correspondence: Chairperson Bigelow passed out correspondence received for review by the committee, which included a Hazwaste Central bill. Art Feldman asked the Town Manager if the Town audits the bill ourselves and Town Manager Branigan responded no. Chairperson Bigelow briefly reviewed the billing statement. There was also a Resource Recycling Conference notification taking place in San Antonio and a magazine mailer from Vietnam vets looking for discards.

5) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Town Manager, Richard Branigan: Town Manager Branigan reported that the weekly bulk collection is going forward very little confusion. There has been some abuse reported, but those have been tagged and John's Refuse calls our office in some cases when there has been confusion because people have put out whole households and things still need to be separated, i.e. recyclables and bulky waste. Town Manager Branigan stated that we want all complaint calls to come through the Town Hall and to discourage residents from calling John's Refuse, as we do not want any residents getting the wrong impression that John's Refuse would recommend getting their own dumpster and making more money for their own business. Town Manager Branigan also discussed that when we went out to bid and awarded the contract to John's, it had come into question whether or not

certain non-residents whose portion of their property is in North Branford should be getting refuse picked up by John's and after the matter was reviewed by the Town Attorney, it was

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agreed to suspend the service as they are actually not residents of the Town. With regard to leaf collection, Town Manager Branigan stated that a loop road exists and there is an area that the Public Works Director, Fran Merola will be preparing for leaf drops and then the leaves will be moved. There will be signs placed directing residents where to go and it will be publicized in the local papers.

A brief discussion followed regarding John's Refuse using "No Thru Truck" roads up in the Middletown Avenue area and Town Manager Branigan stated that the State Statute allows for some concessions for haulers.

6) Sub-Committee Reports: Mary changed some positions around

Status of Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo – Tom reported that the DEP is in the process of reviewing applications from recyclers to be approved recyclers and that the target date for the list to be posted is the end of September. The DEP has gone through all manufacturers and have allocated who gets charged what cost and that is posted on the web site.

Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo – Tom handed out the revised Town Ordinance to comply with all mandated requirements and stated that the ordinance now addresses what is mandated and also explained the revised ordinance and rationale for proposed changes. The Committee reviewed Member Feldman's comments and discussion amongst Committee members followed and necessary changes were decided on and noted. Everyone thanked Tom for his hard work in working on the revisions.

Discussion re: North Branford Recycles Day in the Fall – It was agreed that North Branford Recycles Day would take place the first Saturday in October and that this date would be publicized. Discussion followed regarding the amount to be collected for tires received and it was agreed that \$5.00 would be collected for each vehicle tire and \$10.00 for each non-road or larger truck/tractor tire. It was also noted that a Public Works employee would have to be paid for time on the day the tires will be collected. Chairperson Bigelow mentioned that she has been speaking with the e-waste collector with regards to taking refrigerators, stoves, etc. and still needs to explore this a little more. It was also mentioned that the committee requires 2 new t-shirts for the two newest members of the Committee.

Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Liz reported that that she sent out cards for June and July and she'll be redoing the packages.

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – Debbie reported that it is working will be putting the new location for leaf drop-off and the North Branford Recycles Day.

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School Liaison – Hank Petroskey and Dan – Dan reported that he took pictures of all trash cans in three different schools and they are not recycling. It was discussed that they need to have some sort of an awareness campaign and that they need to make sure they have the recycling bins available and cleaning crews. Chairman Bigelow suggested going to the next PTO meeting to discuss these matters and that Hank should follow up with the middle school and high school and the committees there.

Public Relations – Laura and Art – Signs – Dan said they should contact Pete at New Haven sign for all new and/or updated signs that are needed.

Publicity & articles – Donna & Nancy– It was discussed and agreed that The Sound and Totoket Times would be contacted for announcements for Leaf drop off and North Branford Recycles Day.

Report Town Council – Dan Armin – Dan reported that he had not been to a Town Council meeting recently, but planned on going to the next meeting and Art would go with him.

Containers for Telephone Books – David Bowen – Container getting full, will

Results of September 4, 2010 e-waste collection and Paper/Propane Collection – Results of the drop off were very good, Mary reported 57 vehicles and big bin needs to be emptied, we will need to let Michelle know. Dave also reported that there were two bins sold for a total of \$20.00. A brief discussion followed regarding what may have happened to the key.

Status of collection of Books at Drop-Off Center – Hank volunteered to take over the book drop off. Laura stated that everything is all set. Hank will contact Michelle to see needs to be done to get this moving.

7) Other Business:

- **Status regarding future appointments**
- **Discussion of N.B. e-Waste Plan and collections.**
- **Volunteers for October 2, 2010 Paper Drop Off** - Dave, Lorane, Meaghan and Mary volunteered.
- **Hazwaste Central collection volunteers October 9, 2010** – Liz, Art, Dan, Tom and Donna volunteered.

- Nike Reuse a Shoe – Mary said we collect a maximum of 200 pairs of shoes at a special collection and those can be brought in pairs of 10 to the Nike Store at Clinton Crossing. Art suggested directing people to bring them to the Nike Store themselves.

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8) Miscellaneous: Atwater Library grand opening is this Saturday and it was suggested that a poster be displayed with regard to the upcoming collections.

Hank reported that there were approximately 10 bags of recyclables collected at the Potato/Corn Festival and that a group home in Hamden picked up all of the bags, but he did not find out how much money was made from it. The group home was very appreciative of the opportunity to collect this donation.

9) Citizen's Statement: None

10) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Meaghan T. Campbell, Secretary