

Minutes
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 11, 2010
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Nancy Cianciulli and Frances Conant

Guests: Arthur Feldman (possible committee member)

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 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 December 10, 2009

Elizabeth Boissard made a motion to approve the December 10, 2009 minutes; seconded by Hank Petroskey all were favor; except Lorane Black, David Bowen and Deb Anderson abstained.

4) Correspondence: Mary passed out the Monthly Recycling Magazine.

5) Welcome Guest: Mary Bigelow introduced Arthur Feldman. Mr. Feldman is interested in joining this committee. Mr. Feldman gave Mary a copy of his resume to pass on to the Town Council

6) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Town Manager, Richard Branigan: Neither Richard or Michelle were at the meeting. Gina Cox spoke on behalf of Richard and Michelle. The refuse collection company would like to extend their contract for another two years at some rate, this request will be going in front of the Town Council for their review.

7) Sub-Committee Reports:

Discussion E – Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo – Public Hearing was held in October, 2009. Tom reviewed the Regulations Regarding Covered Electronic device question and answers document from the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Mary Bigelow mentioned there will be an electronic satellite scheduled for May 22, 2010 at the Hamden Middle School on Dixwell Avenue.

Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo – Nothing, waiting for Town Attorney’s review.

Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Sent out 13 cards for December and 6 cards for January. All the cards are all up to date.

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – It is working. Deb will bring the answer machine update with the 2010 recycling/trash card information and the May 22, 2010, electronic collection in Hamden.

School Liaison – Hank Petroskey – Has a meeting with NBIS students on March 29th regarding Earth Day. It would be nice if the school gets involved with this committee on Earth Day and have the students help out with cleaning of the Farm River. Hank has contacted Megan Peterson, teacher at NBHS, and she if she is interested in joining this committee.

Public Relations/ Publicity & Articles – Laura Magaraci & Dan Armin – Articles will be done regarding, Earth Day cleanup, bulk/scrap metal pickup schedule and when the leave drop-off will reopen in Northford.

Report Town Council – E-Waste Plan and Earth Day cleaning out the Farm River.

Containers for Telephone Books – David Bowen – Still fine and didn’t understand the mystery of the bin, one day not there and the next day it reappears.

Results of February 6, 2010 Paper Drop-off and Propane Collection Days – Laura Magaraci and Hank Petroskey volunteered. There were 56 cars, 2-20lbs propane tanks, 2 – 1 lb propane tank (\$2.00) and sold one bin (\$10.00) and collected two cards. Total amount collected \$12.00.

Status of collection of Books at Drop-Off Center –Certificate of insurance is in Laura will contact the company and have the bin delivered.

Leaf Drop Off – Lorane Black – Thank you cards/letters will be going out soon as per Liz. Lorane Black passed out upcoming leaves schedule volunteers.

8) Other Business:

- **Discussion Regarding Appointments:** Mary mentioned still waiting to hear about herself, Lorane Black and Francis Conant reappointments. Gina Cox mentioned Mary should contact Town Council representative to have their reappointments on the Town Council agenda.
- **Volunteers for March 6, 2010 Paper Drop-Off:** Tom Scelfo and David Bowen with Lorane Black as back up if needed.
- **Question on Trash Card for 2010** – Regarding twigs and branches at curbside, the answer is as long as bundled and tied, in order for them to be picked up.
- **Election of Officers for 2010-2011** – Hank Petroskey made a motion second by David Bowen that the officers stay the same. Mary Bigelow as chairperson, Tom Scelfo as vice-chairperson and Elizabeth Boissard as Recording Secretary. All in favor.
- **Report CT Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee meeting** – Mary mentioned two Transfer Station - Stamford and Stratford have fines against them for penalties. Mary also mentioned by the year 2024 it would be mandatory to reduction trash, such as using food waste system and electronic waste should be in place.
- **Earth Day Discussion** – As mentioned above the plan will be cleaning out the Farm River and possibility another tree planting.

9) Miscellaneous: Hometown for Hazardous Waste Collection at Sargent Drive will be June 19th and October 9th.

North Branford Day will be April 3, 2010 where residents can bring tire (car tires \$3.00 each and bigger truck tires \$5.00); oil and propane are acceptable on that day.

10) Citizen's Statement: None

11) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourn at 9:34 p.m.

Gina A. Cox, Secretary