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Agenda Minutes
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 8, 2012
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Elizabeth Boissard, Hank Petroskey, Donna Cordone, David Bowen, , Art Feldman, Debbie Ferraro, Michael Martin

Members Absent: Abbie Walston, Michelle Knockwood, Deborah Anderson, Nancy Cianciulli

Guest: Anthony Bozzuto

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) Speaker- John Bozzuto

Andy Bozzuto attended the meeting and answered all the questions Tom sent to him via email.

- He explained how recycling was done at the potato festival. Recycling was done at the production and preparation site by garnishing food waste. They asked other vendors to bring their waste to them. They took the recyclables and trash to a commercial site: Willimantic Waste, not CRRA, because they thought the contract had ended. This commercial site is able to sort recyclables from the trash. It has a co-mingling and single stream sorting system.
- When the new contract starts on 11/15/12, they will be taking trash and recyclables to 4 CRRA oversight facilities in the state: mid-CT, Hartford, Bridgeport and Willimantic. We asked how the tonnages will be reported to the state and Andy said it will be hard for him to separate out our town's trash/recyclables amounts from other groups he is serving. Tom will check to see who is responsible for reporting tonnage to the state; our town or the hauler. Our numbers should go up since condo recycling will be added to our regular totals. One of the reasons our numbers were down at the CRRA facility was b/c John's stopped delivering to them at the end of July. They thought the contract had ended with that facility. When they realized it didn't end until Nov. 15, 2012, they went back to CRRA so NB wouldn't be fined by the Put or Pay rule.



- RFID tags are to be used as address of origin so owners can't take barrels somewhere else. There is the capability to read the tags at a later date to see who is recycling.
- Only 95 and 65 gallon containers were ordered. The size was determined by the town council and 35 gal containers were not ordered. Each house will get 2, 95gal containers: one for trash and one for recycling. The trash day will be the same for both bins and it will be collected weekly. People should call Town Hall if they want to change their bin.
- John's Refuse is contracted to take everything at the curb but all the advertising will encourage residents to put everything in the 2 containers and not put anything on the ground. Shredded paper should be put in recycling in clear plastic bag. They will tag items that aren't in the bins. John's is making new tags for this purpose.
- They would like Bulky Waste pickup to go back to twice a year b/c it isn't cost effective with an automated system. This provision change has been put on the next town council agenda and Andy hopes the contract will be updated.
- The town hall will be in charge of supplying containers to new homes that are constructed.
- Andy will look at our recycling card and see how we can change it to help out with the transition to the automated system. We might need to put Bulky Waste pickup the same week as Scrap metal.
- Andy is interested in using the Town website to educate the town about the system. Bins are the property of the home – Not the owner. They stay with the property when the house is sold. If bins are stolen or damaged, extra ones were ordered to be used as replacements. Life expectancy of the bin is at least 5 years.
- Jan 15th, 2013 is delivery date for bins. Don't have exact date of when to start using them but will probably be the next week.

4) **Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2012** Art Feldman made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Michael Martin; all were in favor. David Bowen abstained.

5) **Correspondence**
None

6) **Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood**
None

7) **Sub-Committee Reports:**

School Liaison – Hank Petroskey– no report

Public Relations & Video presentations – Art Feldman –No progress with Gina on the most frequently asked questions about recycling.

Website is still a problem; content and links need to be updated and revised. Gina is the one who makes changes to the website but Anthony Esposito may also have a say.

Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- no report

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – no report but Mary will remind her to add the January recycling event and curbside scrap metal pickup.

Bin Row Containers – David Bowen & Abbie Walston – Dave stated book bin is full but the other bins were OK. He will contact Got Books.

Publicity & Articles – Donna & Nancy – Donna continues to send press releases to The Totoket Times, The Sound and Patch.com. In the next issues, she will advertise December recycling day, the ewaste date in January and a reminder for the dates left for leaf drop off. We also discussed adding important dates from our recycling card to the Town Calendar.

Report Town Council – Interim town manager, Bonnie, will choose items from our minutes to present to the council.

Report on November 3, 2012 Recyclables Collection-

35 cars, 14 propane tanks; collected \$14

We decided to still keep it open once a month until we see the effect of the automated system.

Solid Waste Contract – Tom had no report but Andy mentioned the addendum being presented to the town council concerning bulky waste pickup. Tom will ask the DEEP what tonnage #'s they require and we will encourage Andy to give us those numbers. We need the data to help us plan our job educating the public about recycling.

Leaf start up – Donna mentioned some complaints were received about the designated area. It is too small for cars to turn around in and it is too muddy. Liz will call Fran to let him know and see if he can do anything. Art mentioned he did not see the leaf sign and thought it might have blown over. He will check on his way home.

8) Other Business:

- **Status regarding future appointments**

Michael Martin has been presented to town council but Debbie Ferraro needs to get her resume to the mayor so she can be appointed. Mary will also give the mayor the names of current members who need to be re-appointed.

- **Volunteers for December 1, 2012 Recyclables Collection**

Dave Bowen and Michael Martin volunteered.

- **Recycling Card Update**

We will work on it ourselves and work on it at the beginning of the next meeting's agenda.

- **Nomination of Officers**

It was decided that we didn't need a nominating committee since everyone was staying in their position.

9) **Miscellaneous:** none

10) **Citizen's Statement** none

11) **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Art made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dave. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Elizabeth Boissard
Elizabeth Boissard, Recording Secretary
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