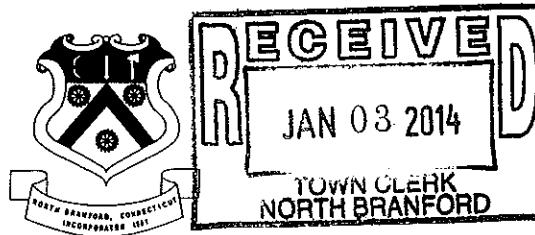


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Minutes
Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee
Thursday, December 12, 2013
Town Manager's Conference Room

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Liz Boissard, Art Feldman, Debra Ferraro, Hank Petroskey, Michael Martin and Tom Scelfo

Members Absent: Donna Cordone, Deb Anderson, Nancy Cianciulli and David Bowen (will be listed as absent until I receive a resignation letter until then they are considered "members").

1. Call to order: The meeting was call to order at 7:42 p.m. by Mary Bigelow.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: The committee faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2013 – Tom Scelfo opened discussion regarding information in the minutes on the discussion with John's Refuge. He requested time to go over the information again stressing the importance of the information. Art Feldman made a motion to table the minutes of November 14; seconded by Michael Martin; all were in favor.
4. Correspondences:
There was a resignation from Tom and discussion regarding additional resignations.
5. Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Town Manager:
Town Manager Michael Paulhus spoke about the recent request for changes with bulky waste pickup requested by John's Refuse. Mr. Paulhus explained that since they are presently under contract the Town Council decided not to act on any change requests at this time.

There was discussion regarding potential for future actions on the contract in regard to bulky waste pickup

There was discussion about interest in the upcoming E-Waste disposal for January.

The website – a planed meeting with a design company will be rescheduled. There was discussion on whether small modifications can be made on the website. The Town Manager will look into updating any current incorrect information.



6. Sub-Committee Reports:

- School Liaison – Hank Petroskey spoke to Lou Paternoster regarding including an agenda item on the BOE agenda to discuss involvement in schools. Mr. Petroskey questioned whether they should discuss potential for improving recycling and ensuring that recycling is up to date with rules and laws. Deb Ferraro suggested that Johns Refuse increase recycling pickups. There was discussion regarding laws and potential consequences. It was suggested the committee do a walk through in the schools and additional discussion regarding a possible liaison from the schools be added to the committee. Debra Ferraro suggested a student liaison from the Environmental Club.
- Public Relations & Video Presentations: Art Feldman & Michael Martin –
Art Feldman spoke with Frank Mentone regarding producing a DVD with frequently asked questions to air on Totoket TV; this might answer questions that are usually requested of staff.
Art viewed the DEEP video, there was discussion regarding airing it on Totoket TV.
- Answering machine – Deb Anderson – Hank Petroskey dialed in and the Committee reviewed the message on the machine.
Mary Bigelow suggested the E-Waste information be added to machine and do updating.
- Container for Phone Books, Goodwill box, Salvation Army box and Book Containers – Debra Ferraro.
Deb Ferraro reported that she checked this week and the Salvation Army and Goodwill bins look good and are currently empty. The book box is gone; she has placed two calls, leaving messages. To date she has not received a call back. Deb also asked about the telephone book bin and asked if it is necessary. She reported that the bin is messy and the lids are stuck open. There was discussion regarding having the bins removed. Debra Ferraro will contact the number on the bins to have them removed. Town Manager Paulhus suggested the phone company inform residents they can recycle their books in the Town recycling.
After discussion regarding the timing of new phone books being distributed, it was decided the Committee would wait to have the bins removed to gage usage. Deb stated she would call and ask for any information on past usage of the bins. She will report back next meeting.
- Publicity & Articles – Donna Cordone
In Donna's absence, the Committee discussed that she is up to date on all publicity.
- Report to Town Council –
The huge success of the leaf collection will be communicated to the Council.
- Leaf Collection – Liz Boissard –
Liz Boissard reported that past attendance of the collection was Fall of 2011-199 cars, Fall of 2012-231 cars, this year 398 cars.

- Recycling/Trash info card

Tom Martin passed out the draft copies of the upcoming recycling/trash information card that will be distributed to residents. Art Feldman gave an overview of the draft changes he made. There was discussion regarding the best changes for the card. It was decided that Tom Martin would make the changes that were agreed upon, Art will assist him.

7. Other Business:

a. Volunteers for January 4, 2014 – E-Waste Collection.

Art Feldman, Mary Bigelow, Tom Scelfo, Debra Ferraro and Hank Petroskey volunteered for the January E-Waste Collection.

There was discussion regarding abandoned propane tanks being left at Public Works.

Donna will be asked to inform people that propane tanks can only be left during the quarterly E-Waste collections.

8. Miscellaneous:

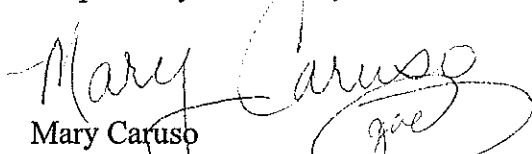
Hank Petroskey informed the Committee that he attended a meeting by DEEP and gave an overview of the pay as you throw program. He suggested the Committee do some ground work regarding ways to move forward for the future so they can report to the Town Council. There was discussion regarding ways they can get current figures on tonnage and trash consumption of the Town.

There was discussion regarding the importance of a validation of any figures for volume and price over the years. Art Feldman suggested they question the Town Manager and Town Council regarding any interest in the pay as you throw program for North Branford.

9. Citizen's Statement - None

10. Adjournment: Art Feldman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm; seconded by Liz Boissard; all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Caruso
Substitute Recording Secretary