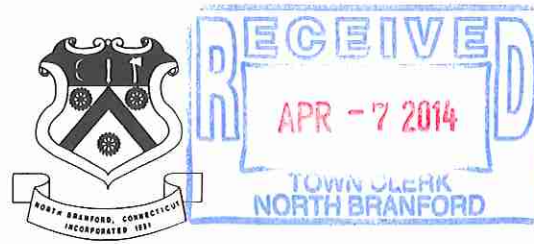


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# TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

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TOWN MANAGER (203) 484-6000 FAX (203) 484-6025

## Agenda Minutes

### Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee

Thursday, March 13, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

Town Manager's Conference Room

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairperson Mary Bigelow called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.  
Member Present: Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Donna Cordone, Deb Ferraro, Deb Anderson, Art Feldman, Hank Petroskey, Elizabeth Boissard and Michael Martin  
**Also Present:** Town Manager Michael Paulhus  
**Absent:** Nancy Cianciulli
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Committee faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2014:** Art Feldman made a motion to approve the minutes of January 9; seconded by Hank Petroskey, all in favor.
- 4. Correspondence:**
  - Rindge Energy. LLC transfer operations to Mighty Flame (a division of DiSanto Propane of Clyde, NY) (letter attached)
  - Jan, Feb, Mar Recycling Resources Magazines
  - Big Brothers/Big Sister send out a postcard regarding fundraisers.
- 5. Report from Town Manger Michael Paulhus:**  
The HazWaste Central Contract renewal is on Town Council agenda to be approved at the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.



6. **Sub-Committee:**

*School Liaison* – Hank Petroskey – Spoke to Bill Choti regarding a walk thru, will try next week to make sure there are enough bins at each school. Possibly a Saturday walk thru. Hank talked to a custodian at Jerome Harrison and there are issues with getting recyclables into bins. The School needs to do more. Hank still trying to get on the BOE agenda regarding recycling at the Schools. Hank will follow up with Lou Paternoster, chairman of BOE.

*The Science Fair* is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. you are invited to attend. Land Trust will be at the Science recruiting for their trail day. Hank mentioned he has contacted TVES regarding their Science Fair, haven't heard anything to date.

Hank will talk to Environmental Student to see if the students would like to help with Earth Day which is scheduled for April 26. If students sign up they can get community hours.

*Public Relations & Video presentation* – Art Feldman & Michael Martin – working on Earth Day sign that is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be cleaning the parks again and if time prohibits they clean the school grounds. Last year it was very successful event.

E-Waste is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> Art will work on the flyer.

*Answering Machine* – The answering machine reflects the quarterly dates for the e-waste collection. Will put Earth Day information on the answering machine.

*Containers report* – Deb mentioned the containers are the same as last month. The area looks very nice and neat with only Goodwill and Salvation Army containers.

Deb mentioned we have received a letter from GOT BOOK –the company was sold to Big Hearted Books. Deb mentioned how the libraries are throwing books away and suggested the books should be donated to the intermediate and high school libraries. Michael mentioned he will talk to Bob Hull, the Library Director.

*Publicity & Articles* –Donna mentioned she will publish the following: Thank you note for the E-Waste Recycling Event that was held on January 18<sup>th</sup> and mentioned the next E-Waste Recycling Event will be April 5<sup>th</sup>; North Branford Spring Leaf Collection and the upcoming Scrap Metal.

*Report to Town Council:* Proclamation for Earth Day; E-Waste Collection scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>; and leaf collection will begin.

*Report on January E-Waste Collection:* - Hank mentioned as per Metech statement the Electronic collection from January 18<sup>th</sup>, the total collected was 10,652 lbs. (break-down report is attached)

**7. Other Business:**

- a. Recruitment efforts for Committee membership: We need new members – RECRUIT!  
Tom mentioned he still has two people, who may be interested, will check with them before our next meeting. We need total of three people. We can ask Nancy to resign if we get enough people.
- b. Leaf Drop-Off Collection – All letters were sent to thank the Fall volunteers. Liz mentioned she still has a few slot to be filled but will be working on filling them before asking the committee to volunteer.
- c. Discussion on how to encourage textile recycling – How can we encourage residents to recycle textile. (attached is an email from Tom regarding textile recycling) (attached is a list of everything that can be donated to Goodwill).
- c. SWAC meeting report - Tom mentioned at the meeting there was a lot of talked about regions plans there are 9 regions. Not sure what we are plan. At the January meeting there was a lot talk regarding food waste and the volume of food that gets wasted and how it should be recycled. Bozzuto's does recycling food waste with Yale and Choate

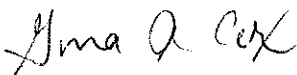
**8. Miscellaneous –**

- a. Volunteers for April 5<sup>th</sup> E-Waste – Art, Tom, Mary, Liz and Michael will volunteer.  
This is also Leaf Collection.

**9. Citizens Statement – Nothing to report**

- 10. Adjournment –** Liz Boissard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; seconded by Art Feldman; all were favor.

Sincerely,



Gina A. Cox



RINDGE ENERGY LLC  
PO BOX 33  
RINDGE, NH 03461  
Propane Recyclers

February 24, 2014

N. Branford DPW  
Att: Michelle  
909 Foxon Rd.  
N. Branford, CT 06471

Dear Valued Customer,

This letter is to inform you that as of March 1, 2014 Rindge Energy will transfer its operations to Mighty Flame, a division of DiSanto Propane of Clyde, New York. Rindge Energy has been affiliated with Mighty Flame since its beginning date of operations in 2004. This transfer of operations will allow us to offer a broader range of services to our customers. The Rindge Energy staff will continue to work in its present capacity for Mighty Flame.

Mighty Flame will be forwarding to you a certificate of insurance in the near future.

Please call (603) 899-9959 or email [rndg\\_nrgy20lb@yahoo.com](mailto:rndg_nrgy20lb@yahoo.com) if you require further information regarding this transfer.

Sincerely,

Willis Fogg  
Owner

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 NORTH BRANFORD, CT 06471-1035



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RAISING DEPT.

2/14/14

Dear fundraising partner,

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone for working with us and supporting our book reusing and recycling efforts for the last 13 years. I have personally gotten to know many of you and will miss working with you. I would also like to apologize if our service wasn't up to our typical Got Books standards in recent months. I know you are aware that we fell into some financial difficulties. It was my hope that we would recover from them and keep the business going, but could not. I hope you understand. This was not an easy decision for me, and it saddens me to close the doors.

I hope that you continue in your book reusing efforts, even though I will no longer be involved. In order to help you, we have sold our business to another very reputable book recycling business, Big Hearted Books, which has agreed to take over the rental of our collection containers and continue on with your fundraising efforts. I have met with a number of companies who would like to continue working with you, and I am confident that you will be best served by Big Hearted Books. I have known the owner, Kevin Howard, for almost 10 years. While technically we were competitors, Got Books and Big Hearted Books have worked well together covering the same New England region by assuring that more books were saved and put back into circulation. We have a mutual respect for each other, which is somewhat unusual in our industry, and it makes me feel a lot better knowing you will be well served going forward with a local, reputable company.

I have spoken with a number of organizations who have worked with Big Hearted Books, and all the feedback is positive. For these reasons, I'm happy to endorse Big Hearted Books. They will be taking over the leases on your book container from Mini Warehousing and will continue to work with your organization to raise funds and save books from landfills. They now own the rights to our name Got Books, as well as, our website. As much as I hate to part with these things, as I have spent over 13 years of my life on this labor of love, I'm excited to see the program continue. Kevin has given me his word that he will keep the name Got Books alive, and has shared with me some of his plans for updating the website and expanding the program to possibly include clothing and shoes. He has some fresh ideas about ways to increase your recycling revenues, and says he will honor the rates that we had agreed upon, so I am happy to recommend Big Hearted Books to you.

Thank you again for all your years of support. Even though I will no longer be a part of your book program, I will still be working with books at The Used Book Superstores. We will continue to have great books at super low prices. I hope you stop in to say hello and let me know how Big Hearted Books is treating you.  
I wish you all the best.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Ticehurst', written over a horizontal line.

Bob Ticehurst

To contact Big Hearted Books about servicing your containers or to donate books, please email [Kevin@bigheartedbooks.com](mailto:Kevin@bigheartedbooks.com) or call 781-784-0813.

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## Next Quarterly Recycling & e-Waste Event

Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2014

9am to noon

North Branford Recycling Center

(Public Works area Rte 22 Forest Road)

Electronic Waste collection by Metech Recycling - [www.metechrecycling.com](http://www.metechrecycling.com)  
This is a free public service for town residents to discard electronic waste properly.

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks\* and rechargeable batteries. Please remember that we will not accept paper of any type; place in recycling barrel for curbside pickup.

\*Charge for helium tanks and size-based charge for propane tanks.

**Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091**

Thank you to all who made our quarterly e-waste recycling event on January 18<sup>th</sup> so successful; there were more than 100 participants and over 10,500 lbs of e-waste collected!

*As a safety reminder, please only drop off propane tanks at North Branford Recycling Center at the Public Works Facility during quarterly e-waste recycling events. Leaving propane tanks in an unattended area can be dangerous to others.*

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## North Branford Spring Leaf Collection

Spring into raking! North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Facility on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays this Spring: April 5, 12, 19 and 26. Please place leaves in biodegradable brown leaf bags or empty them loose onto the ground. As a reminder, we are always looking for volunteers to help out at the drop off center. Many thanks to the North Branford & Northford Boy Scout Troops, North Branford & Northford Women's Clubs and town residents who have generously volunteered.

For more information, please call the recycling hotline at **203-484-4091**

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## North Branford Scrap Metal Pickup

April 14<sup>th</sup> Through April 18<sup>th</sup>

The Spring scrap metal pickup is scheduled for the third week in April.

Scrap metal will be collected the same day as your regular weekly trash pickup.

Please note: scrap metal cannot be placed at the curb until the week before your scheduled date.

**More info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091 or town website: [www.townofnorthbranfordct.com](http://www.townofnorthbranfordct.com)**

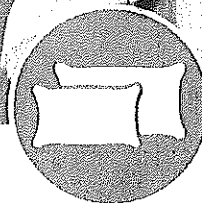
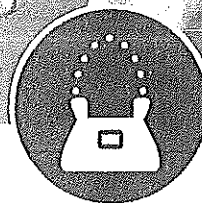
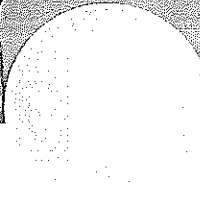
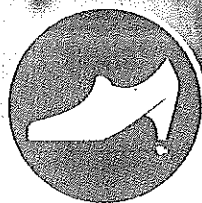
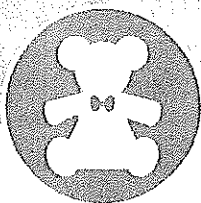
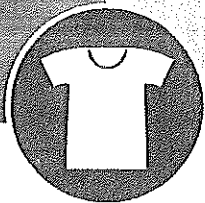


# RECYCLE

## Your Clothing and Textiles



### Donate, Recycle, Don't Throw Away



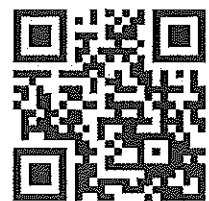
**SMART (Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association) and CTR (Council for Textile Recycling) invite you to Donate, Recycle, Don't Throw Away.**

**WHY?** Each year tons of clothing and textiles are dumped in the trash, costing residents money. When you donate or recycle clothing, your green efforts help the environment and everyone saves money.

**HOW? WHERE?** Donate your clothing to a reputable charity or visit the SMART website [www.SMARTasn.org](http://www.SMARTasn.org) to find out where donation bins are located in your area by typing in your zip code in the "Find a Recycling Location" section. All clothing and textiles *in ANY condition* that are clean and dry can be recycled.

**WHAT? ♻️ ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** All types of used clothing, footwear & household textiles. Items such as: shirts, pants, sheets, drapes, pillows, handbags, belts, soft toys and footwear.

🚫 **NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:** Carpets, rugs, mattresses, bric-brac, oil rags, wet or mildewed articles.



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**All of the following can be donated in any condition as long as it's clean and dry:**

- Pants
- Shorts
- Shirts
- Pajamas
- T-shirts
- Jerseys
- Sweatshirts
- Sweatpants
- Sweaters
- Jeans
- Dresses
- Skirts
- Jeans
- Coats
- Jackets
- Suits
- Undergarments/Bras
- Flip flops
- Boots
- Shoes
- Slippers
- Belts
- Ties
- Purses
- Hats
- Socks
- Pillows
- Bedding: comforter, sheets, pillow cases, blankets
- Curtains/Draperies
- Table linens
- Stuffed animals

**REMEMBER: IN ANY CONDITION, 95% OF ALL TEXTILES CAN BE RECYCLED OR REUSED.**

**Gina Cox**

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**From:** Tom Scelfo [t.scelfo@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2014 11:20 PM  
**To:** art@tafcopackaging.com; 'Mary Bigelow'; 'Hank Petroskey'; 'Donna Cordone'; 'Elizabeth Boissard'; 'Deborah Anderson'; 'Donna Cordone'; 'Michael Martin'; 'Debra Ferraro'  
**Cc:** 'Gina Cox'  
**Subject:** Textile Recycling

At tonight's meeting, I shared some notes I took during a DEEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting on 6/25/13 pertaining to the recycling of textiles. Because there was some interest in those notes for purposes of posting potential textile items that could be recycled on the Town's website or in newspapers, here are my notes:

4.1% of total trash is textiles (clothing, fabrics, shoes, sheets, stuffed animals, etc.). Of that amount, 74% is residential; 26% is non-residential

Many towns report recycling 5-10 tons per year of textiles, with Glastonbury recycling nearly 60 tons per year.

DEEP's Goal is to divert 58% of this waste stream from the regular trash by 2024.

Textiles that are not reused are normally recycled. Only about 5% of collected textiles are discarded.

According to a presentation from ERC Wiping Products (a company that makes rags, wipes, etc. and has a website at <https://www.ercwipe.com/>):

- 45% of recycled textiles are usable clothing
- 30% of recycled textiles become wiping cloths
- 20% of recycled textiles become fiber conversion grades that are used in other products
- 5% is not usable

The above numbers agree with those shown by SMART (Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association) at [http://www.smartasn.org/about/SMART\\_PressKitOnline.pdf](http://www.smartasn.org/about/SMART_PressKitOnline.pdf)

Recycled textiles include pillows, shoes (even worn out), purses, belts, undergarments, Halloween costumes, towels, flip flops, hats, and bathroom throw rugs.

Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Processed 20 million lbs of recycled textiles statewide in 2012. They employ 900 state residents. This amount of recycling avoided \$640,000 in tipping fees.

Enjoy!

Tom

**Metech**  
150 Blackstone River Road  
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CT- Town of North Branford  
ATTN: Michelle Knockwood  
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290 Forest Rd  
 NORTH BRANFORD, CT 06471

Description	Quantity	Rate	Total
<b>Lot Number 159040</b>			
STATE OF CT CER PROGRAM FOR CED'S AND MISC. ELECTRONICS			
Printers	571.00 lbs.		
Computers, Servers, Laptops	736.00 lbs.		
CRT TVs (State Collections Reporting Only)	5,070.00 lbs.		
Miscellaneous Electronic Equipment	3,392.00 lbs.		
Monitors (State Collections Reporting Only)	883.00 lbs.		
Certificate of Destruction Required	1.00 ea		
<b>Total for Lot Number 159040</b>	<b>10,652.00 lbs.</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

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