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Agenda Minutes Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee Thursday, May 8, 2014

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Mary Bigelow called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Tom Scelfo, Art Feldman, Liz Boissard, Donna Cardone, Debbie Anderson, Michael Martin, Hank Petroskey

Absent: Nancy Cianciulli, Deb Ferraro and no Town Representative

2. Recited Pledge of Allegiance: The Committee faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2014: Michael Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2014; seconded by Tom Scelfo; all in favor. Hank Petroskey and Art Feldman abstained.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Manager Michael Paulhus: No Town report

6. Reports:

- *School Liaison* – Hank Petroskey

Hank reported that he and Liz will be manning table at High School Eco-Fair on May 23rd. Will bring Recycling Cards, HazWaste brochures (Hank will pick up new ones at RWA) and magnets, and copies of textiles flyers. Perhaps will bring laptop to run a few short recycling related videos.

Bill Chioti reports that the recycling pickups at the schools, especially, the High School, have improved, but still can get better. He is looking for 42 of the smaller recycling bins to put in classrooms to assist with process. Has a call into John's to see if any are available. Will look to speak with Principals of each school about the Committee speaking to the children regarding recycling.



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- Public Relations & Video Presentation – Art Feldman & Michael Martin

Art reported on the Earth Day cleanup activities. Only two areas (Northford and Totoket Parks) and were worked as a result of weather and lack of volunteers. Big thank you to members of the High School Environmental Club who assisted. Five (5) Committee Members participated (Art, Donna, Debbie A., Hank, Michael).

Community members: David and Susan Wakefield, Julie Michaelson, Megan Sadorvoski, Alexa Andrezewski, Theresa and Sarah Hammonds.

Parks were generally fairly clean from past years. Northford Park lacking sufficient bins. 4 of each type of bin needed. Also, move away from Route 17 as it appears people stop and unload their trash when passing by.

- Answering Machine Info: Debbie Anderson

Debbie reports machine is functioning and has correct information even though a resident or two indicated there were issues.

- Publicity & Articles: Donna Cardone

Donna reported Earth Day and Leaf collection announcements went into area publications. Next series of announcements will be HazWaste Central days and hours, July Ewaste collections, and textiles donations information.

Liz reported that Goodwill is running a pilot program in North Haven where they have bins specifically for textiles collection. Liz will contact Goodwill for more information to see if applicable to North Branford.

- Containers: Debra Ferraro

No report

- Report to Town Council:

No report

- Report on April 26, 2014 Earth Day Activities:

Mention above

- Leaf Collection: Liz Boissard

Liz reported 102 vehicles visited the site this Spring. It was tough getting sufficient volunteer coverage, so may look to reduce numbers of weeks in the Spring. This will be discussed at later date. Thank you notes were sent to the volunteers who monitored the site this year.

7. Other Business:

a. *Committee Recruits:* Still pursuing. Tom, Liz, and Debbie A., all have some leads they are talking to.

b. *Hazardous Recycling Webpage* – Michael Martin

Michael reported he cannot get data on website updated. Town staff reports they are too busy to do so. Seems like most Town websites have the same issues. Need to talk to Mike Paulhus to find out why Town is so reluctant to let our Committee update our own content. Park Recreation seems to be able to update their own data. Hank will talk to Pam Gery, Recreation Director, to see how they do their website updates.

Two things we need done: 1 – Look to create completely redesigned website and replace existing one. Trying to do piecemeal has proven it does not work. It seemed to work initially, but massive changes need to be done as things have gotten so out of date. 2 – Develop what we want the site to look like and stress to Town Manager that we need site updated and in a timely manner. Look to develop a release schedule for changes and maintenance of Committee website.

8. Miscellaneous: SWAC webinar. Mary and Tom reported that session covered single stream disposal and indicated single stream is not as profitable as once reported. This is mainly due to mixed and contaminated materials. Even China, who once wanted this material, is refusing to take it now.

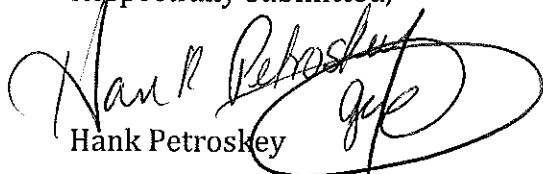
Also, when negotiating new refuse disposal contracts, keep a close eye on percentages versus dollars.

Hank reported he will be listening in to an upcoming Keep America Beautiful webinar on recycling at events, fairs, etc.

9. Citizen's Statement: None

10. Adjournment: Liz motioned, Art seconded at 8:57p.

Respectfully submitted,


Hank Petroskey