

Minutes
Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee
Thursday, September 11, 2014
Town Manager's Conference Room



Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Liz Boissard, Donna Cordone, Art Feldman, Deborah Anderson, Debra Ferraro and Tom Scelfo

Members Absent: Michael Martin, Nancy Cianciulli, Hank Petroskey,

1. Mary Bigelow called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: The committee faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Guest: John's Refuse – Textiles- Not present
3. Approval of Minutes June 12, 2014 & July 10, 2014

Art Feldman made a motion to approve the June 12, 2014 minutes, second by Tom Scelfo; all in favor with 2 abstentions from Deborah Anderson and Debra Ferraro.

Art Feldman made a motion to approve the July 10, 2014 minutes with the following corrections; numerically item #6 was repeated and should have read item #6 & #7, second by Liz Boissard; all in favor with two abstentions from Deborah Anderson and Debra Ferraro.

5. Correspondence

Mary Bigelow presented a report from Lori Vitagliano from Hazwaste Central New Haven with a breakdown from the Hazardous Waste Collection for fiscal year 2014. The invoice reflected the costs incurred by North Branford as well as surrounding towns for the period January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

There was discussion regarding individual column items, Donna Cordone suggested they request updated numbers.

Mary additionally presented an invoice from Metech Recycling for discussion. Members discussed the differences between the two time periods reported.

6. Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Town Manager: no report at this time.
7. Sub-Committee Reports:
 - School Liaison – no report.

- Public Relations & Video Presentations:

Art Feldman questioned if any members have heard from Frank Mentone. There was discussion; Art Feldman stated he would reach out to Frank.

- Answering machine info

Deborah Anderson reported that the answering machine was up and running. She discussed situations with directing people to recycle their paints and establishments limiting amounts of paint cans that could be brought in.

Tom Scelfo stated he would get an answer as to whether establishments are allowed to limit amounts.

Deborah Anderson suggested she might refer people but tell them to check first for limitations.

Chairperson Bigelow requested that Deborah Anderson add the upcoming Ewaste information to the machine.

- Container Report

Debra Ferraro reported that the Salvation Army container is packed with excess bags, yet the Goodwill container had a few bags. Debra stated she would call and suggest Salvation Army empty their container.

- Publicity & Articles – Donna Cordone reported that the same advertising has been going into Totoket times and the Sound. She informed members that she has been putting information on the Patch but is concerned about changes so would probably not continue to include the Patch. She advertised the closest seven paint care locations where people can visit. She additional included information on construction in a bag. She will begin to concentrate on leaf collections.

There was discussion on tires, Donna informed the members that the fees are \$5.00 and \$10.00 for car and truck tires.

- Report to Town Council – no report
- Leaf Collection- Liz Boissard reported that she has started early and has filled most dates but still need volunteers for October 18 from 9-12 or 12-3 and October 25th 9-12 or 12-3.

Donna volunteered for October 18 12-3 and Debra Ferraro volunteered for October 18th from 9-12.

Art will look for availability for October 25th.

Liz remarked that she has gotten volunteers from the girls scouts.

8. Other Business:

- Volunteers for Ewaste Collection October 4, 2014 and North Branford Recycles Day. Tom Selfo and Debbie Anderson volunteered for the October 4th event.
- Volunteers for Hazwaste Central October 11, 2014
Debra Ferraro, Donna Cordone volunteered for the October 11th event with Art Feldman verifying his availability.
- Discussion on fire extinguishers - Mary Bigelow discussed with Jim Ross about disposal of fire extinguishers. He informed Mary that they collect them in MA. He would ask if they could collect ours and if there would be a charge for that.

Tom Scelfo will follow up with Mr. Ross.

- Recycle/Waste Card -- There was discussion on the card since the year is moving forward quickly. Art suggested that the card would stay very similar. Tom suggested they review it in October and members could make suggestions.

There was brief discussion regarding the textile recycling. Chairperson Bigelow would check with Michele Knockwood regarding a visit from John's refuse.

- Donna Cordone reported on the Hazwaste Recycling event. She reported that there were 90 total cars: 90 for Ewaste, 35 propane tanks, with a total collected \$35.00. She also reported that Jim Ross from Medteche informed members that any items from the Town and Schools could be brought to each quarterly event. Donna suggested they inform the schools.

Chairperson Bigelow indicated that Bill Chote has Ewaste from the schools he needs to dispose of. Unless otherwise noted, he had been told to bring it to the collection.

There was discussion as to the legality of including schools as this event is considered household Ewaste.

Donna Cordone mentioned the need for additional tally sheets for the next Event.
Art Feldman offered to supply them.

9. Miscellaneous:

Mary stated that it appears the automated system on the trucks seem to be down more frequently.

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Liz Boissard spoke about the ability to put spiral notebooks directly into recycling.

10. Citizen's Statement - None

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Caruso
Recording Secretary