



TOWN OF HAMDEN

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION

MINUTES: The Solid Waste and Recycling Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on July 8, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Parks & Recreation Conference Room, Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut. The following items were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Robert Mark, Chairman
Janice Crann
Amy Ruhlman
Bill Sikorsky
Laura Zambrano
John Weir
Andy Wormser

Staff in Attendance: Pam Roach, Recycling Coordinator
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Mark noted that Hazwaste should be added after Home Town Day on page 3.

Commissioner Weir made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 2009 meeting as amended. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mark presented the following information to the Commissioners:

Mr. Mark discussed the information Commissioner Ruhlman had provided regarding Teracycle. Ms. Roach has forwarded this information to the president of the town wide PTA. Ms. Ruhlman said there is some very interesting information on the website. She suggested that those interested in gardening go to the Gardening Spot on the website.

Mr. Mark has spoken with Kim Renta in the Legislative Council Office. Ms. Renta confirmed that Mr. Mark and Ms. Zambrano have been reappointed to this Commission.

Next, Mr. Mark said the e-mails sent by Ms. Roach regarding Goodwill, box tops, and bar codes were very interesting and helpful. All present agreed.

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Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Chairman Mark turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Wormser. Mr. Wormser called for nominations for Commission Chair. **Mr. Wormser nominated Mr. Mark to continue as Chairman of the Commission. There were no further nominations, and Mr. Mark was re-elected by unanimous vote.**

Next, Vice Chair Wormser turned the meeting back over to Chairman Mark. Mr. Mark called for nominations for Commission Vice Chair. **Mr. Mark nominated Mr. Wormser to continue serving as Vice Chairman of the Commission. There were no further nominations, and Mr. Wormser was re-elected by unanimous vote.**

Both Mr. Mark and Mr. Wormers accepted the positions, and were congratulated by those present.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Recycling Coordinator Roach presented the following information to the Commissioners:

Trashmaster will be bringing all recyclables to All American Waste in Berlin at no charge to them or to the Town. Ms. Roach added that this is the same town that our recycling has been going to. She will get more information regarding this, and report to the Commission at the next meeting. Commissioner Crann asked if this is part of the Trash to Energy Program. Ms. Roach said it is not, the Trash to Energy Program applies to garbage.

There will be a municipal electronics collection in August. This will be not be open to the public; it will be for the recycling of Town and Board of Education electronics

There are 15 composters left. The recycling bins will be in by the end of the month. Ms. Roach had to wait for the new fiscal year before she could submit a purchase order.

Regarding having the Earth Day Pledge laminated, Ms. Roach reported that the best price she could get was \$50.00, but it was suggested to her that she contact the DEP Book Store about having this done. Their price was \$3.00. Ms. Roach will have the pledge laminated there.

As stated earlier, Ms. Roach sent an e-mail to the President of the Town wide PTA regarding Teracycle. The PTA President thought this was an awesome program and will send the information on to the PTAs of each school in Town. Ms. Roach will be in touch with her in September.

Quinnipiac University's Office of Community Service will be holding their First Annual Community Service Fair on September 16th from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Alumni Hall. Ms. Roach has been invited, and will attend.

Next Ms. Roach discussed apartments and condominiums. They are required to recycle by law but our curbside regulations do not apply to them. Ms. Roach will not pursue distributing recycling information to them at this time

Mr. Wormser said he spoke with Scott Jackson and thought he had negotiated a new contract with CRRA. Ms. Roach will attend a meeting with CRRA next week and will learn more at that time. There was a discussion regarding the procedure regarding this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Roach said she has told Frank Caraglio of the Board of Education how much the Commission appreciates his efforts regarding recycling in the schools. Mr. Wormser will follow this up with a letter from the Commission expressing their appreciation

Mr. Sikorsky asked if anyone has noticed any bulk trash put out. Mr. Sikorsky noted that once one house puts bulk trash out others in the neighborhood follow suit.

Mr. Mark said he did not see the end of the fireworks and asked how the recycling went. Mr. Sikorsky said he provided 22 bins for the event, and when he combined them it came to six full bins with cans and plastic and one bin of paper. He added that Parks & Recreation took care of emptying the bins.

There was a discussion regarding recycling gardening pots. It was noted that Parks & Recreation was collecting pots.

Next, Mr. Mark asked if Mimsie Coleman is all set for the Concert Series. Mr. Sikorsky said he has provided 22 bins for these events.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mark noted that his stepdaughter has report that Paradise Country Club now has recycling bins at the club. Mr. Sikorsky will visit the club to make sure they are recycling properly.

There was a discussion regarding recycling at Laurel View. There was also a discussion regarding recycling at the YMCA Camp. Ms. Roach said they are required to recycle by law.

Ms. Roach said she can't schedule a tour of the recycling facility until she knows where the recycling will be going.

Next there was a discussion regarding canceling the August meeting. **Mr. Sikorsky motioned to cancel the August 12th meeting. Ms. Zambrano seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

Ms. Roach is working on the DEP Report. Commissioner Weir asked if there is anything that the Commissioners can do to help. Ms. Roach thanked him and said she will let the Commissioners know if she needs help.

Next, Mr. Mark discussed the Annual Report, and asked if anyone wanted to get started on it. Commissioner Wormser suggested that we wait until Ms. Roach's report is completed.

Commissioner Ruhlman noted that she has gone by the tennis courts between 10:00 and 11:00 PM and the lights have been on, but no one was on the courts. Ms. Roach will look into this.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission, and Chairman Mark called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Wormser motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weir and passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:27 P.M.

Submitted by:

Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission

Adjournment

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