

TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2012
7:30 PM
THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE
HAMDEN

Commissioners in attendance: Bob Mark, Chairman
Janice Crann
Amy Ruhlman
Bill Sikorsky
Laura Zambrano
Andy Wormser

Others in attendance: Pamela Roach, Recycling Coordinator
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Mark called for a motion to approve the Minutes for the September 2011 and October 2011 meetings. **Commissioner Wormser motioned to approve the Minutes of both meetings. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mark discussed the following information forwarded to the Commissioners by Ms. Roach::

Mr. Leng's update from October.

A copy of the new Recycling Ordinance allowing the Town to fine residents for not recycling.

The DEEP Report.

The Earth Day Celebration will be held on April 21, 2012. Ms. Roach asked everyone to mark their calendars.

Two e-mails were sent out in November on China's 70% diversion rate.

An update was sent in November that included the Carbon Nation Movie shown at the Thornton Wilder Hall.

The Electronics Recycling List (Ms. Roach needs to date it).

An e-mail from Town Attorney Sue Gruen regarding the new charter.

Ms. Roach forwarded the Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report to the Mayor.

The Agreements for Refuse and Recycling are being updated and bids will be going out.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Julie Smith and Ms. Roach met and reviewed the Refuse and Recycling Agreements. Ms. Smith and Ms. Roach made notes for suggested revisions to the bid before it goes out.

The letters warning residents that they would be fined for not recycling will be finalized this week. Mr. Sikorsky will then begin to give the letters out.

Hamden's Earth Day Celebration is scheduled for April 21, 2012. This year the 1:00 PM show in the auditorium will be ART FARM - A Circus for a Fragile Planet. New exhibitors include Jason Marchi who recently published a book about Sleeping Giant entitled "The Legend of Hobbomock". Mr. Marchi will create an exhibit for the Earth Day Celebration showing how cavemen used everything - nothing went to waste. Also, Dr. David Cooper from Gateway will present a couple of solar demonstrations.

WeRecycle is in the process of picking up electronics from Hamden schools. They have completed pickups at the Government Center, the Library, two schools and weekly at the Transfer Station.

Ms. Roach is looking into having a panel discussion/talk in March at Thornton Wilder Auditorium entitled "Talking Trash" or "Zero Waste". DEEP employee Cheryl Baldwin is willing to come as one of the speakers.

Calamari Recycling Company out of Essex won the bid for metal and aluminum at the Transfer Station. Calamari will pay 110% for metal, and 45% for aluminum.

The mattress recycling facility in Bridgeport is not open yet. Another mattress facility may be opening in Hartford.

Ms. Roach offered to schedule another tour of WeRecycle. It was noted that no tour is desired at this time.

APPROVAL OF 2012 SCHEDULE

Chairman Mark called for a motion to approve the 2012 Schedule of Meetings for the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission. Commissioner Andy Wormser motioned to approve the schedule, Commissioner Janice Crann seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sikorsky commented that the Public Works Department did a good job cleaning up after the storm.

Chairman Mark called for a motion to change the February Solid Waste and Recycling date to Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 PM. **Commissioner Wormser motioned to approve the date change. Commissioner Crann seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Mark called for motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zambrano motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Sikorsky seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

Submitted by: _____

Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk