

**TOWN OF HAMDEN**  
**SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MAY 10, 2012**  
**7:30 PM**  
**MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**2750 DIXWELL AVENUE**  
**HAMDEN**

**Commissioners in attendance:** Bob Mark, Chairman  
Janice Crann  
Gerry Gigliotti  
Amy Ruhlman  
Bill Sikorsky

**Others in attendance:** Pam Roach, Recycling Coordinator  
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance was taken as noted above.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2012 MINUTES**

Mr. Mark stated that the date on the Minutes was incorrect; it should have been *April 11, 2012*. He also stated that the meeting was incorrectly identified as being held in the main conference room, it should have stated that *it was held in the Park & Recreation Conference Room*. He also pointed out that under Communications, the information that *“Ms. Roach had sent an announcement that McDonald's would be doing away with Styrofoam cups, and the Commission found this to be very encouraging”*, was omitted. He further pointed out under New Business, Ms. Roach would send out the *Annual Report*. Also under New Business, Mr. Mark said that the dates for *Hazwaste Central, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>, were not included*.

There were no further additions, deletions or corrections to the Minutes, and Chairman Mark called for a motion to approve the Minutes as amended. **Commissioner Ruhlman motioned to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2012 meeting as amended. Commissioner Crann seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Mark said Ms. Roach sent her Mattress Bill testimony to the Commissioners. She also sent the Hazwaste totals for last year. Mr. Mark said he was very encouraged by the good turnout by Hamden residents.

Mr. Mark also said that the Earth Day flyers and information regarding Talking Trash was received from Ms. Roach. She also sent a thank you to all those who helped with Earth Day.

Mr. Mark also noted that the Commission received a reply from CAO Curt Leng regarding the letter sent to him from the Commission.

Next, Mr. Mark said Commissioner Wormser told him there was an article in the local paper stating that the Legislative Council tabled the Bid Waiver for Trashmaster. There was a discussion regarding a letter in the paper disagreeing with the bid waiver process.

Ms. Roach said the Bid Waiver was granted and negotiations have begun. Ms. Roach explained that the Bid Waiver allows the Town to negotiate with Trashmaster. Right now the plan is for Trashmaster to just haul to a destination of the Town's choice. Ms. Roach explained the hauling process, and what would go where. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this subject.

Mr. Mark questioned the Bid Waiver process. He requested that Ms. Roach send an e-mail explaining this process to the Commissioners. There was further discussion regarding this topic and Ms. Roach again explained the process and the changes being negotiated for the one-year extension of the contract with Trashmaster.

Ms. Roach discussed the Mattress Bill that is before the State Legislature. The Legislative session ends tonight. There was a discussion regarding the Mattress Bill and how long it will take to put it into effect if it passes.

Ms. Roach also discussed a 15 member Recycling Group that the Governor will be creating. Ms. Roach will not be a member of this group.

### **RECYCLING COORDINATORS REPORT**

Ms. Roach said CAO Curt Leng has sent a memorandum to Town Attorney Sue Gruen requesting that she draft a resolution establishing fees for certain items brought to the Transfer Station. Mr. Leng asked that fees be set at the following schedule:

Tires \$5.00  
Oversize Tires \$10.00  
Commercial Tires \$20.00  
Mattresses \$30.00  
Appliances \$25.00

Hazwaste Central dates are June 2<sup>nd</sup> and September 8th. Ms. Roach explained the function of this facility. She said there are 16 participating towns. Twice a year, each town is asked to supply volunteers to help register people and check what is being brought in to be disposed. Mr. Mark pointed out that Lori Vataglianno is no longer overseeing Hazwaste.

Ms. Roach will conduct her last school tour this week.

Next, Ms. Roach said the electronics container was broken into again. Mr. Mark asked about the pay loader being parked in front of the doors. Ms. Roach said the windows on the pay loader were broken. She said the lock on the container door was also broken. Ms. Roach said the fence is scheduled to be repaired, and security lights and cameras will be installed.

Ms. Roach will send out the first violation letter to a house on Beacon Street. It has been observed and reported that there is no recycling done at this address. There was a discussion regarding this subject.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed a call she received from a resident stating that she saw her recycling being picked up by a trash truck. There was a discussion regarding this problem. The resident did state that another truck had also come by earlier that morning.

Bulk pick-up went very well. It is now complete. Mr. Sikorsky said there has been a lot of construction materials put out

Ms. Roach said regarding the scale at the Transfer Station, it would be close to a year before this is done. She also said it doesn't look like the ramp will be done due to space problems.

Next, Ms. Crann asked about the tires at the Transfer Station. Ms. Roach said that residents could drop off up to four tires each year. She added that the tires would be picked up.

Ms. Roach thanked all the Commissioners who volunteered their time at Earth Day. She said the Circus and the Petting Zoo were very successful. She also said the information table was an excellent addition.

Ms. Ruhlman said that she spoke with someone who went to the North Haven Earth Day event. This person commented that the turnout was much smaller than at Hamden's Earth Day event.

Ms. Roach said Earth Day would again fall on the Saturday at the end of the Hamden Schools vacation week. She said that there were seven schools represented at the Earth Day celebration this year. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this event.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed Talking Trash. She said there was a very small turnout but it was a very nice and informative evening.

Connecticut Recyclers Commission (CRC) is having a one-day retreat in July. Ms. Roach will attend.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the letter sent to CAO Leng from the Commission and his reply.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before the Commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Mark called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Ruhlman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crann seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk