

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMIS
COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2012
7:30 PM
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
MAIN FLOOR
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE
HAMDEN**

Commissioners in Attendance: Robert Mark, Chairman
Janice Crann
Gerry Gigliotti
Amy Ruhlman
Bill Sikorsky
Andy Wormser

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Mark asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes of the November 2012 Meeting. **Commissioner Gigliotti motioned to approve the Minutes of the November Meeting as presented. Commissioner Wormser seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mark reported that Ms. Roach clarified the electronics recycling. She also sent the tonnage report, the Hazwaste Central totals, pictures of her kids in toters, Mr. Sikorsky's report and Batteries Plus information. In addition, she sent information regarding the denial of the grant application for toters, and bid specs.

Mr. Mark asked if anyone had compared this year's Hazwaste totals to last year's total. Ms. Roach explained that this is difficult to determine since they count households not cars. She also said they have started counting by half households for small loads. Mr. Wormser pointed out that what we are concerned with is amount of waste that comes in. Ms. Roach said this is the information that we receive. She added that next year it would be less since paint will not be included in the totals.

Next, Ms. Roach reported that the Paint Stewardship officially begins July 1st. She hopes that it will begin at the beginning of the Hazwaste central will begin at the beginning of the season. Ms. Roach said that when the program begins they would take latex based paint. She added that Hamden would not be charged for paint when the program begins.

There was a discussion regarding why Fairfield's Hazwaste numbers were so high. Ms. Roach explained that they have a one-day satellite collection in town every year.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roach read an e-mail she received regarding the grants the Commission applied for composters. The e-mail explained why the application for the grant was turned down. The memo explained that the denial was based on the fact that the grant would end when the composters are given out.

Mr. Mark said based on the information in the e-mail, were there any other grants that could be applied for. Mr. Wormser and Mr. Gigliotti discussed possible grants for recycling programs in the Hamden School System.

Ms. Roach said that Hamden Middle School wants to compost the cafeteria waste. The Principal Dan Levy is very interested in doing this. Former Middle School Teacher and Commission member Lisa Luppi is also interested in this project. Ms. Roach has a 90 page documents regarding this type of project which she will give to Ms. Luppi after she reviews it. Mr. Mark discussed other composting projects in the State that have not succeeded. He cited Yale University as an example. Ms. Roach explained the State law regarding this type of activity. There was a discussion regarding this topic.

The first Earth Day meeting will be Thursday, December 13th. Ms. Roach said among the activities will be Birds of Prey, a petting zoo, a reptile show, the Channel 8 Weather Van and a DJ. Mr. Gigliotti suggested that there be a display explaining the origins of Earth Day, and why it was begun. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this suggestion. All the Commissioners present agreed it would be a very good idea. Mr. Gigliotti volunteered to work on a display for Earth Day. Ms. Roach volunteered her help with this project.

Ms. Roach said she updated the information regarding electronics on the web site.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed the recycling cart bid. She explained the information on the bid. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this bid. She also discussed the program in Cheshire.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed Product Stewardship. She distributed information regarding what each state has done regarding Product Stewardship.

Next, she discussed the Environmental Summit. She said Dan Esty spoke at this event. Ms. Roach reported that content of his speech. She will summarize her notes and send them to the Commissioners. She will also send the link for the video.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2013 Meeting Schedule

Commission Wormser motioned to approve the 2013 Meeting Schedule as presented. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

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. Commissioner Gigliotti seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission