

**TOWN OF HAMDEN**  
**SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 9, 2013**  
**7:30 PM**  
**PARKS & RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**2750 DIXWELL AVENUE**

**Commissioners in attendance:** Robert Mark, Chairman  
Janice Crann  
Amy Ruhlman  
Bill Sikorsky  
Laura Zambrano

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm

**MINUTES**

**Ms. Crann motioned to accept the Minutes of the December 2012 Meeting as presented. Ms. Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Mark noted that Ms. Roach has sent a lot of “good stuff” this month. He noted the following information that was sent:

Ordinances for review; Mr. Mark suggested that this be discussed under Old Business.

Information regarding the Summit Survey; Mr. Mark said it sounded like it was a productive meeting.

The information that was sent regarding the Product Stewardship Meeting will be discussed in Ms. Roach’s report.

Mr. Mark said Mr. Sikorsky's Summary looked good. He noted that he seems very busy.

Mr. Sikorsky noted there have been some complaints received regarding residents leaving their trash cans at the curb all week. He said this could lead to other residents observing this behavior and mimicking it. Mr. Mark asked if this would fall under the Anti-Blight Ordinance. Mr. Sikorsky said there is a \$65.00 fine for this, but it has never been used. There was a discussion regarding this problem. Mr. Mark suggested putting a copy of the Ordinance in their door. Mr. Sikorsky explained the form he currently uses.

Governor's Recycling Working Group; Mr. Mark suggested that this be discussed later in the meeting.

Ms. Ruhlman sent an interesting article regarding plastic moving boxes that can be rented and then returned to the rental business. Ms. Ruhlman also sent an article regarding composting at an airport in North Carolina. Both these articles were discussed.

Mr. Mark also commented on the Mayor's New Year's Party.

### **RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Roach reported the following information:

The bid for recycling carts was advertised in the newspaper today. The bids are due on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Roach added that if all goes well the roll out would be in 90 days.

She said the contract with Trashmaster stills needs to be straightened out.

Ms. Roach briefly discussed the Town's trash going to New Haven.

Regarding the recycling cart bid, Ms. Roach said that bidders were asked to bid 15,000 96-gallon recycling carts and 2,000 64-gallon carts. Bids will also be taken for 48 and 64-gallon trash containers. One or the other will be chosen. She said there would also be a bid alternate for software to help keep track of the recycling. Ms. Crann asked how many bidders were expected. Ms. Roach said at least two and possibly four or five.

Next, Ms. Roach said school tours have started – Highville Charter School came this week and Church Street will be coming later this month.

Ms. Roach attended a meeting regarding paint legislation. She explained how latex and oil based paint will be recycled. She said this would begin this summer. Laura Panciera a Hamden resident has been hired to administer this program. There will be a meeting regarding this program in Hamden on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Roach informed the Commissioners that Nike would no longer be taking sneakers.

Regarding the Ordinances that were sent for review. Ms. Roach said the ordinances have not gone through. She said that many parts are repetitive. Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Julie Smith has suggested that a meeting be held regarding this. There was a discussion regarding this subject.

### **Earth Day**

Ms. Roach has received two commitments for \$500 donations from Dexel and Covanta. She has also sent out e-mails with entry forms to all the prospective participants.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Mark reminded the Commissioners that if they are approached by a citizen and asked a question they should remember that they are speaking as individuals not as representatives of the Commission.

Mr. Mark said he spoke with Council President Judi Kozak at the Mayor's party. Ms. Kozak asked about the scale at the Transfer Station. Mr. Mark discussed his explanations for her question.

There was a short discussion regarding Recyclebank. Ms. Roach said we are no longer pursuing Recyclebank.

Mr. Mark asked about Transfer Station fees and the scale. There was a discussion regarding this topic.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Mark asked Ms. Roach about comments on Product Stewardship. Ms. Roach said she did not send any.

Next, there was a discussion regarding the Governor's Recycling Working Group. Ms. Roach explained the makeup of the group and what their duties were. They have sent recommendations to the Governor. Ms. Roach discussed the recommendations. She said it would be up to DEEP if these recommendations were implemented.

Mr. Mark said he heard on the news that a State has banned plastic bags. He asked if anyone else had heard this. No one had. Ms. Roach looked this topic up on her I Pad, and learned it was a community in California.

Mr. Mark said he has the Earth Day sign-up. There was a discussion regarding the Commission's participation in this event. Mr. Mark said Mr. Gigliotti had previously volunteered to research and do a presentation on the origins of Earth Day. The Commission will participate in the Scavenger Hunt.

Ms. Roach said that Mr. Leng would like to purchase composters. Ms. Roach will let the Commissioners know if they are purchased.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Mark asked if there was any old, new or "oh by the way" business to come before the Commission. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Zambrano motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM.

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