

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION
MEETING
MARCH 13, 2013
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
Andy Wormser

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Mark asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes of the January 2013 Minutes. **Commissioner Crann motioned to approve the Minutes of the January Meeting as presented. Commissioner Zambrano seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mark discussed the following communications:

Recycling News received from Ms. Roach.

Mr. Gigliotti sent information regarding the DEEP website.

Mr. Mark sent in the Commission's Earth Day registration form.

Ms. Roach also sent a copy of an e-mail from Curt Leng stating that the bids went out for the scale. Ms. Roach will discuss this and provide an update on the toter bid during her report.

Ms. Zambrano reported that St Rita's Church is now recycling. All America Waste is their hauler. She added that it is single stream recycling. Ms. Crann asked if the Day Care recycles also. Ms. Zambrano said they do, and added that she believes the school is also recycling.

Ms. Zambrano discussed a Natural Awakenings magazine (March issue) article that explains what some companies are doing with recycling materials. Ms. Roach suggested that examples of what is being done with the recyclable materials be displayed at Earth Day. Ms. Roach also asked Ms. Zambrano to send her the article via e-mail.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roach discussed the need for supplies for an Earth Day activity. The activity will involve making instruments from recyclable materials. She will e-mail the Commissioners a list of the supplies needed.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed electronics. She said she has received the approved list of vendors from the State. We Recycle is not on the list. Ms. Roach said their bid was too high according to the State limits. Ms. Roach is evaluating the responses she has received from potential vendors.

Ms. Roach hosted a meeting regarding mattress recycling. She discussed the meeting that was attended by about 25 people. She said it was very informative. She also discussed the Governor's working group and their focus on product stewardship. She further explained the jobs that can be created through recycling.

The toter bids came back. 96 gallon recycling toters and 64-gallon refuse toters will be purchased. They will be "roll out" bins. The Town seal and either Recycling Only or Refuse Only will be on the sides of the toters.

Ms. Roach said there is software that the Town can opt to buy. This software can provide various reports. Ms. Roach explained what information the reports could provide. Ms. Crann asked how the toters will be distributed. Ms. Roach said the vender will deliver the toters. 15,000 96-gallon recycling toters and 2,000 64-gallon toters will be ordered. Ms. Roach said there will be a problem regarding how to distribute the 64-gallon toters. She said if anyone has any ideas on how to determine who should receive the smaller toters to please call or e-mail her.

Ms. Roach will meet with the new Public Works Director in New Haven regarding our options for sending our recycling and possibly our leaves there. Mr. Leng will also be at this meeting.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed Composters. She would like to order 216 composters. She discussed the cost of the composters, and the cost savings they would provide. They will not be purchased before Earth Day, but might be available for the Brooksvale Fall Festival.

Ms. Roach attended the Connecticut Recycling Coalition Annual Meeting. She said it was interesting. She informed the Commissioners about the various subject that were discussed. She said she spoke with the Goodwill representative and was told that they will take any clothing or cloth items whether they can be resold or not.

Ms. Roach discussed the Recycling Means Jobs Forum.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed a State Law, PS 1087 that states that if a hauler provides a trash container they must also provide a recycling container.

Ms. Roach displayed a copy of the Earth Day flyer. She discussed the various activities and displays that will be at this event. Ms. Roach asked about this year's question. It was decided to use the same question from last year.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gigliotti discussed the display he will provide. He shared some of the information he has gathered for his display.

Ms. Roach will check on the Scale bid.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Roach discussed the proposed reorganization of the Mayor's office. This would include her job being increased to 25 hours. Ms. Smith the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and Rose Lion the Mayor's Executive Administrative Assistant will also receive pay increases under this reorganization.

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. Commissioner Zambrano seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:53 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission