

**TOWN OF HAMDEN  
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMIS  
COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 10, 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  
Bill Sikorsky  
Andy Wormser  
Laura Zambrano

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance was taken as noted above.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Mark asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes of the March 2013 Minutes. Commissioner Gigliotti motioned to approve the Minutes of the March Meeting as presented.

**Commissioner Crann seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Mark complemented Ms. Roach on the article she sent out regarding the history of recycling. All present stated they enjoyed the article.

Ms. Roach also sent out the Recyclable Items List.

Mr. Mark said the Earth Day fliers and programs looked very good.

Commissioner Ruhlman sent an e-mail regarding the Environmental Film Series.

Commissioner Crann shared an article in the Hamden Journal regarding Earth Day.

Ms. Ruhlman asked if there would be a movie at the Library on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Roach distributed a flier regarding the movie that is titled "Food Stamped". It will be shown at 7:00 PM.

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

Ms. Roach thanked all the Commissioners who attended the Public Hearing and spoke on her behalf regarding the proposed increase in her hours. She said she deeply appreciates their help and support.

Earth Day is coming along well. She will bring the box of handouts, etc. with her on Saturday.

Mr. Mark discussed the recyclable items that have been brought in by the Commissioners to use at Earth Day to make recyclable instruments.

Ms. Roach said the Business Expo would be held this Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Hamden High School. She will have a table there.

The Purchase Order for the toters has not been issued yet. The New Purchasing Agent will be starting on the Monday after Earth Day. Ms. Roach expects the Purchase Order will be issued then.

Mr. Mark asked what the plan is when the PO is issued. Ms. Roach said the toters would then be ordered immediately. Mr. Mark suggested sending out a press release as soon as the toters are ordered. Ms. Roach explained what has to be done before the toters can be delivered.

There is a new electronics recycler at the Transfer Station. She explained the law regarding the electronics recycling. She said that the recycler we were using is not on the State list. She explained the State requirements, and said the current recycler out-priced themselves. She said she went through the list of approved recyclers, and chose Take Two, Inc. She explained the reasons for choosing them. She said Take Two, Inc. will hire the former employees of We Recycle. She listed all the items they will accept; she said they will take all the items We Recycle took, and will also give the Town a rebate. Take Two began on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mark asked if the website has been updated. Ms. Roach will check on this.

Ms. Roach asked Mr. Leng about the bids for the scale. She said the lowest bid was \$240,000. She said it would be necessary to get more money from LoCIP for this. She added that it will go to the Council next month.

Mr. Sikorsky asked how many trucks will be delivering the toters. Ms. Roach said there will be a crew. She added it will take about a month to get all the toters delivered.

Ms. Ruhlman asked how we can control what is put in the recycling toters. Ms. Roach said she will have Recycling Only in very large letters on all the recycling toters, and Trash or Refuse Only on the trash toters.

Mr. Sikorsky said he spoke with a business on State Street regarding their recycling/trash hauler doing their pickup at 2:00 AM. Mr. Sikorsky explained to the business owner that they must stop doing this. They should not begin pickups until 6:00 AM or later.

Ms. Roach discussed different facilities that the Commissioners could tour. She said the Goodwill Store on State Street would be an excellent facility to visit. There is also a single stream facility in Hartford that would also be a good choice for a tour. Commissioners Ruhlman, Sikorsky and Crann would be interested in visiting the Hartford facility.

Ms. Roach said she spoke with a reporter from the New Haven Register who is planning on doing an article on Earth Day in Hamden.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Mark asked about product stewardship. Ms. Roach is waiting to see if the Mattress Disposal Bill is passed. The Paint Bill will go into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. She said Urban Miners and Sherwin Williams will have containers for paint at their locations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Mark asked if we will be taking sneakers at Earth Day this year. Ms. Roach said they will not.

Mr. Mark asked about Ms. Roach's new duties. She said she may be working with the Energy Use & Climate Change Commission.

Commissioner Wormser said due to his heavy work schedule it is necessary for him to resign this Commission. He said he would be happy to continue writing any letters that the Commission may need. All the Commission members said they would miss Commissioner Wormser's presence and impact on the work this Commission does.

There was a short discussion regarding the Earth Day Schedule, set-up, etc.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Mr. Mark called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Wormser motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Crann seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

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