

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMIS
COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 8, 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

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 MARCH 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Mark asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes of the April 10, 2013 Minutes. There were none, and **Commissioner Crann motioned to approve the Minutes of the March Meeting as presented. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mark discussed the following communications:

Ms. Ruhlman sent an interesting article regarding students at Barnard School in New Haven composting cafeteria food waste. There was a short discussion regarding whether Yale University is currently composting cafeteria food.

All agreed it would be a good idea for colleges, universities, restaurants and nursing homes to compost. Ms. Roach said there is a law that any college/university that is within 20 miles of a composting facility must compost.

Ms. Roach sent Mr. Sikorsky's summary. She also sent an Earth Day Thank You for the help she received for Earth Day.

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Ms. Roach also sent out information regarding a film of Hamden's Earth Day Event. Mr. Gigliotti supplied the Commissioners with the times the film will be shown on Public TV.

Mr. Mark said someone spoke to him at Earth Day regarding electronics. There was a discussion regarding electronics such as TVs being left out for bulk pickup.

Mr. Mark said a parent spoke to him at Earth Day regarding the lack of recycling at Hamden High School. Ms. Roach will look into this.

Mr. Gigliotti discussed a recycling facility proposed in Westbrook. He also reported that DEEP now puts out a pamphlet regarding Paint Stewardship.

Mr. Mark asked about businesses putting out recycle bins. Mr. Sikorsky said Trashmaster would not pick them up. Mr. Mark discussed a business across the street from him that put out recycling bins that are picked up.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roach said the Mattress Legislation passed with an amendment. She said the amendment has something to do with rebates and encouraging incentives. She said she is not sure how this program would work.

Regarding mattress recycling, Ms. Roach said there would be a container at the Transfer Station. When the container is full a company in Bridgeport will come and empty it at no charge. She added that she thinks the incentive may be to encourage citizens to bring their mattresses to the recycling facility. She said the mattress manufacturers would pay for the recycling and put a surcharge on the price of the mattress. Mr. Mark asked about time frames regarding mattresses. Ms. Roach said there are none. She also noted that mattresses could still be left at the curb for bulk pick-up.

Ms. Roach said there would be a committee to meet regarding the Mattress Stewardship Bill Amendment. Ms. Roach will serve on this committee.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed Earth Day. She thanked all who participated in the event. Mr. Gigliotti complimented Ms. Roach's daughter, Natalie, on the excellent job she did putting together the display board regarding the origins of Earth Day.

Ms. Roach said Walgreens gave out 1,000 bags. Light Kits that are worth \$48.00 were sold for \$10.00. There were 60 kits sold. Mr. Sikorsky described what was contained in the kits. The kits sold out. Ms. Roach said approximately 100 kids participated in making the instrument out of recycled materials. She will send further information on the event via e-mail.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed the Paint Program. She described how the program would work. She said facilities wishing to be drop-offs will have to fill out an application. Paint Care will be in charge of the program that will begin on July 1st. She said right now only oil-based paint is being taken.

Paint Collection Day will be held on July 13th. Ms. Roach said this could possibly be held at Hamden Middle School. Any type of paint will be accepted at this event. Ms. Roach said Paint Care would handle advertising for this event. Mr. Mark suggested handling out fliers at Hazwaste Central. Ms. Roach thought this would be a good idea.

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Next, Ms. Roach and Mr. Sikorsky discussed the April bulk pick-up. Both agreed that it was a “nightmare” this year, and added that this was the “worse year”. They discussed the problems. Mr. Sikorsky said it “is looking good now, and should be done soon.”

Ms. Roach discussed leaf pick-up that is taking place this month. She said the trucks would only make one run on each street.

Next, Ms. Roach said she has gotten calls from condo owners saying they don’t have enough recycling bins. Ms. Roach has spoke with a representative of a condo management company who was very cooperative. Ms. Roach will look at condos throughout Town. She also explained the law that states that haulers who provide trash pick-up must also provide recycle containers. Ms, Roach will provide a list of haulers that are registered in Hamden to condos that are interested in recycling.

Ms. Roach noted that there is a vacancy on this Commission. Mr. Mark said the vacancy couldn’t be filled until Commissioner Wormser resigns. Ms. Roach will check with Ms. Vasil in the Mayor’s office to see if Mr. Wormser has sent in a letter of resignation.

Hometown Day at Hazwaste Central will be on June 1st and September 7th this year. Ms. Roach will send out an e-mail as a reminder before the dates to see who can volunteer time. Mr. Gigliotti pointed out the need for more clipboards. Mr. Gigliotti also pointed out the need for a better traffic pattern. There was a discussion regarding the traffic pattern at the last Hometown Day, and how it could and should be improved.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mark asked how the “Food Stamped” movie went. Ms. Ruhlman said the movie was very good. She also supplied an overview of the movie. She added there was an interesting discussion after the movie. About 20 people attended this event.

Mr. Mark asked Ms. Roach if the website has been updated regarding electronic recycling. She said it had.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission