

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMIS
COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 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 7:37 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 10, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Mark asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes of the July 10, 2013 Minutes. **Commissioner Ruhlman motioned to accept the Minutes as presented. Commissioner Crann seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mark thanked the Clerk for sending an updated Roster. He also congratulated Ms. Crann on being appointed to this Commission for three more years.

Mr. Mark said former Vice Chairman Andy Wormser has formally resigned from the Commission. There was a discussion regarding suggestions for candidates to fill the vacancy. The Clerk will check with Town Clerk Morrison to learn if any one has shown interest in serving on this Commission.

Mr. Mark and Ms. Roach discussed the Energize Hamden Program.

Ms. Roach sent Mr. Sikorsky's report. Mr. Sikorsky said it would be much easier to determine who is, and is not recycling when the new carts are being used. There was a discussion regarding how the labels will be placed on the carts. It was noted that it is currently planned to have the recycling carts blue and the trash carts be green. The Commissioners present felt that this would be confusing for the public, since the current recycling bins are green.

Ms. Roach also had reported that the Recycling News will be going “on line only” in the future. There was a discussion regarding this change.

Next, Mr. Mark discussed the Brooksvale Fall Fair. Mr. Mark has received the registration form and guidelines. Ms. Roach will bring her pop up tent, and handouts. The Fair will be held on September 28th, with a rain date of September 29th.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roach said the Green Expo was great. She shared pictures of the event. Ms. Roach described some of the people she spoke with at the event.

There were 245 cars at Hazwaste Central on September 7th. There were about 1,200 gallons of paint dropped off. Ms. Roach explained how the paint program works. She said that the drop-off spots in Hamden are Urban Miners and Sherwin Williams. Hydes Hardware in Cheshire is also a drop off point. There was a discussion regarding these locations. Mr. Mark suggested that a flyer be put out describing where the drop-off locations are in the Hamden/New Haven/Cheshire/North Haven area.

Ms. Roach is working on the annual report. Bulk trash pick up will begin in October.

Ms. Roach has a box of handouts prepared for the Fall Festival. She also will bring a display and her pop up tent.

The Fall Festival runs from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Ms. Roach asked for volunteers. Ms. Ruhlman, Ms. Crann and Mr. Marc will attend. Mr. Sikorsky and Mr. Gigliotti will possibly be able to attend.

The distribution of the recycling/trash carts is scheduled to start November 11th. Information needs to be supplied to Cascade so they can keep the distribution date. Ms. Roach displayed the information that will be part of the top of the recycling carts. This will be heat stamped into the top. There will be serial numbers on the carts. There will also be an electronic chip. She also distributed the information that will be on the trash containers. Ms. Roach discussed this information, and asked the Commissioners for their input regarding the information to be included on the cart tops.

Mr. Leng had questions regarding the recycling/trash pickup program. The questions included:

How should the Town handle a resident requesting a second trash container? It was suggested that there be a charge for a 64 gallon container, and an annual fee.

How to handle residents who wish to use the Transfer Station? Should it be by use of coupons, Driver's Licenses, credit cards, or did the Commissioners have other suggestions. There was a discussion that included the use of coupons or a card similar to a library card, debit cards, or credit cards, etc. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this question.

How to incentivize recycling like the Recyclebank with the system we are getting. It was suggested that charging for a second trash container would be an incentive to recycle in order to save money.

Regarding composting Ms. Roach has given Mr. Leng a report on why we should buy composters. She explained that this plan would pay for itself.

His next question was, how might we expand the program, how might we incentivize using them, what would be a good distribution method, is there any creative ideas that other towns are implementing that people know of either in state or out of state.

Ms. Roach will e-mail Mr. Leng's questions to the Commissioners to think about and respond.

Mr. Mark discussed a question he was asked about black plastic. He was told that some towns do not take black plastic. Hamden does take black plastic. She said she is not sure if the black plastic is recycled.

Ms. Roach said we would probably go out to bid regarding where we send our trash and recyclables.

Mr. Mark also asked if there is a list regarding where asbestos shingle can be taken. He said there was a person who came into Hazwaste Central with these shingles, and asked where he could take them since they are not taken at Hazwaste Central. Ms. Roach will find out, and she will provide this information to the staff at Hazwaste Central.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before the Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Mark asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of all those who lost their lives New York City, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Mr. Mark called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Gigliotti motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission