

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2014
PARKS AND RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE
HAMDEN**

Commissioners in Attendance: Robert Mark, Chairman
Janice Crann
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 7:39 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mark discussed the following communications:

Ms. Roach sent out the DEEP Report.

Ms. Roach also sent out an Earth Day Notice.

Mr. Mark discussed the information sheet that was delivered with the trash and recycling carts.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roach said she has been working on the cart roll out. She said the calls regarding the carts are flooding in. There is a recycling telephone number. She said there are many people asking for smaller carts. She explained that the smaller carts are for eligible seniors and those who are unable to move the bigger carts. Ms. Roach discussed the schedule for switching the bigger carts for smaller carts, and delivering carts to residents who have not yet received their carts. This will be done on Friday and Saturday January 10th and 11th. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this topic.

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Ms. Roach said there are presently seven people who have requested an additional trash cart. Ms. Roach added that CAO Curt Leng has requested that this Commission send a letter to the Mayor stating their recommendations regarding the fee to be charged for a second trash cart. Ms. Roach said the Administration is in favor of a one-time charge. Mr. Mark and the Commissioners present felt that there should be an annual fee. Mr. Mark suggested this charge be included in the tax bills. It was also suggested that there be a \$150 charge for the first year, and \$100 for each year thereafter. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this subject. Ms. Roach suggested that Mr. Mark correspond with Mr. Leng regarding the Commission's recommendations. Mr. Mark said he doesn't feel the Commission should "go out on a limb" regarding this subject without knowing more details. He added that all these details should have been worked out before the carts were purchased. The discussion regarding this topic continued.

Mr. Mark discussed the seven residents who have requested an extra cart. He questioned if their need was real or a "knee jerk reaction". He also questioned how they would know that they needed an extra cart when they haven't used them yet.

Ms. Roach explained that she is asking the Commission to explain what their recommendation would be regarding a fee for a second cart.

The Commission will draft an e-mail or a letter to be sent to Mr. Leng regarding the fee for a second trash cart.

Next, Ms. Roach said Earth Day would be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission, and Chairman Mark called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Sikorsky motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission