

**TOWN OF HAMDEN  
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 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  
Laura Zambrano

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:42 PM.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance was taken as noted above.

**APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Mark said the second sentence of the second paragraph of the Recycling Coordinator's Report should have come under Communications. **Commissioner Ruhlman motioned to accept the Minutes of the January 8, 2014 Meeting as amended. Commissioner Zambrano seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Mark reported the following communications:

A reminder from Ms. Roach regarding Earth Day. The date for Earth Day is April 12<sup>th</sup>.

There was a short discussion regarding Earth Day activities. Ms. Roach said there needs to be a trash cart and recycling cart at this event. She said it is necessary to find a way to transport them. Ms. Roach said that the focus should be on the new trash/recycling carts. Ms. Ruhlman said we should come up with ideas regarding how to reduce/reuse/recycle. Ms. Roach said the Commission will have two tables. There was also a discussion regarding who would be at this event.

The letter regarding the charge for a second trash cart was sent to Mayor Jackson and CAO Curt Leng. A response has not been received.

Next, there was a discussion regarding composting.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the trash/recycling carts. Mr. Sikorsky said he has noted that many people are still using bags. He added that some of the people who have swapped out the larger carts for smaller ones are also putting out bags. Mr. Sikorsky said he has put stickers on these bags, and has told Trashmaster to not pick the bags up.

Next, Mr. Sikorsky said that he has seen many blue bins that are “snowed in”. He also said there are people who are using their old recycling containers.

Ms. Roach noted that the old recycling containers could be placed inside the recycling cart. It was also noted that all cardboard should be placed inside the recycling cart.

Ms. Zambrano said that the trash collectors seem to go very fast, and that trash has been left in her cart. Ms. Roach said that many of the drivers have not used these trucks before, so they are getting used to how they operate.

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

Ms. Roach did not have an update on the scale at the Transfer Station.

Ms. Roach explained that the charge for the second trash cart has been taken off the Legislative Council Agenda. She explained the reasons for this. There was a discussion regarding the requests that have been received for a second trash cart. Ms. Roach noted that in some instances she has given residents a second trash cart along with a second recycling cart, but informs them that they may be charged for the second trash cart in the future. Ms. Roach asked the Commissioners present to e-mail her suggested responses to residents requesting a second trash cart.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Mark said that Hazwaste would be held on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **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 Zambrano motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

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