

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMIS
COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 12, 2014
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
MAIN FLOOR
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 7:43 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Mark asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes of the February Meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Mark called for a motion to approve. **Commissioner Zambrano motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gigliotti sent an e-mail regarding a volume reduction facility. This is a construction and demolition facility. There would also be a paper and cardboard building. This will be located in Cheshire on a 3 acre parcel that is part of a seven acres area. There was a discussion regarding this topic.

Ms. Ruhlman said she saw an article in the New Haven Register stating that Cheshire will have a bulk pickup. Ms. Roach said presently residents of Cheshire take their bulk trash to AJ Carting and are required to pay for this service.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roach provided the following information to the Commissioners:

The robo call went out to all residents from Deputy CAO Julie Smith. Ms. Roach read what was included in the call. This call explained the automated phone system, and also described how the carts should be placed. He also said that any items left outside the carts would not be picked up. The call further included the fact that

recycling is a State Law. Ms. Smith closed the call by thanking the residents of Hamden for keeping our Town clean.

Next Ms. Roach said that the 64 gallon carts have come in and the change out will begin this week.

Mr. Sikorsky asked if there is a charge for an extra recycling cart. Ms. Roach said there is not, a second recycling cart is free.

There was a discussion regarding a charge for second trash cart. There is not presently a charge for a second trash cart, but Ms. Roach informs the person requesting the cart that there could be a charge in the future. She also informs them that their trash will be closely monitored.

Next, Ms. Roach explained the tipping fees. The tipping fee is \$69.09 per ton. The Town receives 100% of the amount received for the recycling items. The amount received for recycling is \$17.50 per ton of recycling. This is done by Winter Brothers.

Next, there was a discussion regarding the Emergency Notification calls. Mr. Mark discussed the State program regarding these calls. Mr. Mark asked how he could be placed on the robo list. Ms. Roach will look into this and report back to Mr. Mark.

Next week Trashmaster will stop taking trash placed outside the carts. Ms. Crann said that her carts were emptied by hand. Ms. Roach said that they are still in transition mode.

There was a discussion regarding how the carts are emptied. It was noted that there is potential for damage to the carts when they are emptied by a truck with an "arm" in the back, as opposed to the "arm" on the side.

Mr. Sikorsky said he has received calls from residents complaining that the carts are left on the street instead of placing them back off the street. Mr. Sikorsky also has received complaints regarding the lids of the carts being left open and then filling with snow.

Earth Day will be on April 12th. This event will be held from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Commissioners will arrive at 9:00 AM. Mr. Mark asked if Ms. Roach has made arrangements to have the carts moved to the Middle School. She said she is hasn't done so yet, but will make arrangements.

Next, Ms. Roach said she will be leaving for Florida directly after Earth Day ends.

Ms. Roach said the flier is almost done and the press release went out today. She is also getting the signs ready.

Ms. Roach said she received a very good price for the printing of the fliers. Yale Printing and Publishing is the low bidder so far. Ms. Roach said she is waiting for one more bid to come in.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the recycling/trash carts. Mr. Mark asked if there is a weight restriction regarding recycling and trash pickup. Ms. Roach said there is not since they are picked up

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mark asked if anyone has received e-mails regarding the proposed tree cutting by UI. Ms. Ruhlman said PURA has asked UI and CL&P to place a moratorium of taking down trees on private property. Ms. Ruhlman said the groups that are opposed to the tree cutting would like the utility companies to hire an arborist to evaluate what trees need to be removed. Mr. Mark said the Town does not currently have a licensed arborist. He explained how the trimming/cutting is done. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this subject.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Mr. Mark called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Sikorsky motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8: 49 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission