

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 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: 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 MARCH 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Mark asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the Minutes of the March 12, 2014 Minutes. **Commissioner Ruhlman motioned to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting as presented. Commissioner Zambrano seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mark discussed the following communications:

Ms. Roach sent out the Earth Day program and flier. Ms. Zambrano noted that there are many signs advertising Earth Day around Town. Ms. Ruhlman asked if anyone had seen any signs on the trestles. Ms. Crann said she had seen a sign on the trestle on Dixwell Avenue near Brugger's but was not sure what the sign was for.

Ms. Ruhlman sent an e-mail regarding the Environmental Film Festival at Yale. She discussed the film she had attended. The film was about the unfair treatment of animals.

Mr. Mark discussed a Community Garden in the Town where his son lives in Massachusetts.

Mr. Mark reported that he did receive the robo call from Deputy CAO Julie Smith.

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Next there was a discussion regarding the swap outs of the larger carts for smaller carts. There was also a discussion regarding the old green bins. Mr. Sikorsky said these can be placed in the blue recycling bins. Ms. Crann asked what is being done with the larger carts that have been returned. Mr. Sikorsky said they are presently being stored at the old Middle School. Mr. Sikorsky also noted that these will be used because many of the carts, particularly the green carts, have broken tops. Next, Mr. Sikorsky said the way the carts are being picked up may have an effect on the condition of the carts. He described the difference between the carts being picked up by a side arm and an arm on the back.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

In Ms. Roach's absence, Mr. Mark noted that Earth Day will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014. There was a short discussion regarding what time each Commissioner would be there.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a short discussion regarding the scale at the Transfer Station.

Mr. Sikorsky said Public Works has been cleaning up along the trail in the southern part of Town. Mr. Sikorsky was called in on this and he explained to the businesses along this area that this practice would have to cease or they would be shut down.

Mr. Mark asked if Trashmaster is policing what is put in the carts. Mr. Sikorsky said Ms. Roach has received calls from them stating that there was a lot of trash in some of the recycling bins. Mr. Sikorsky said that Trashmaster can identify the area of Town that the trash came from, but not the exact address. He also said there are two trucks now in Town – a side pick-up truck and a back pick-up truck.

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 Crann motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission