

**TOWN OF HAMDEN  
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION  
MEETING  
January 14, 2015**

**MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER  
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE  
HAMDEN, CT**

**Commissioners in attendance:** Robert Mark, Chairman  
Janice Crann  
Amy Ruhlman, Vice Chairman  
Laura Zambrano  
Bill Sikorsky

**Others in attendance:** Pam Roach, Recycling Coordinator  
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk  
Jimmy Kearney, Boy Scout (Attending Public Meeting to Earn Merit Badge)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance was taken as noted above.

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. Roach noted in the fourth paragraph under Recycling Coordinator's Report, it states "the current tipping fee is \$77.00." This amount is incorrect. The correct amount will be noted at the next meeting. **Commissioner Crann motioned to accept the Minutes of the December 2015 Meeting as amended. Commissioner Zambrano seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Mark noted the following communications:

The State Report was received by the Commissioners.

Ms. Ruhlman sent an article regarding organics.

E-Mail discussions regarding wrapping paper.

Mr. Sikorsky's Report

Notice regarding Breakfast with the Legislature at Whitney Center.

Vote regarding the Middle School.

Earth Day Registration Form (will discuss under New Business).

## RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roach reported that she has met with New Haven regarding bringing recycling and bulk there. New Haven will reimburse Hamden \$25.00 per ton for recycling. The charge for Bulk will be \$82.00 per ton. Trash will now be \$65.00 a ton at Covanta.

There was discussion regarding the Mattress Program and Electronics recycling.

Ms. Roach discussed the Connecticut Recycling Coalition (CRC) Conference and Trade Show she attended. She said it was a very informative meeting. She said all the presentations are on the CRC website.

Next she discussed the Environmental Summit. She said the DEEP Director was there. She also discussed several comments made by the Director.

Next Ms. Roach discussed the New England Recycling Conference she attended in November. She will send information regarding this conference to the Commissioners.

She discussed a bin at Walmart that will accept several types of plastic bags. More information regarding this can be found at [plasticbagrecycling.org](http://plasticbagrecycling.org).

Next, Ms. Roach discussed plans for Earth Day, and various ideas that have been suggested for activities. She said if anyone knows of someone who would like to donate money or have a display to contact her. She also asked for ideas regarding a show at 11:00 AM in the auditorium. There will be an Earth Day Committee Meeting tomorrow (January 15<sup>th</sup>) at 6:00 PM.

## OLD BUSINESS

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

## NEW BUSINESS

The Registration Form for Earth Day was received. There was a short discussion regarding the requirements on the form. Mr. Mark asked if anyone had anything special they would like to do or present. There was also a short discussion regarding this subject.

Ms. Roach said if we buy the compactors they will be sold at Earth Day.

Mr. Mark said if anyone has a question and answer for the scavenger hunt to send it to him by next Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

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