

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION
MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE
HAMDEN, CT**

MARCH 11, 2015

Commissioners in attendance: Robert Mark, Chairman
Janice Crann
Amy Ruhlman, Vice Chairman
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 FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Ruhlman motioned to accept the Minutes of the February 2015 Meeting as presented. Commissioner Zambrano seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mark noted the following communications:

Ms. Roach sent an Earth Day reminder.

Waste Advantage Magazine

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roach shared an article that Commission Clerk Craft brought to her attention regarding the recycling of cardboard in California. This article appeared in the New Haven Register on March 1, 2015.

Ms. Ruhlman visited the cardboard store where furniture is made from heavy duty cardboard. Ms. Ruhlman said this was very interesting.

Ms. Roach spoke with the plastic bag and film recycling facility. They will send her a sign for Walmart. When the sign is received, Ms. Roach will bring it to Walmart. She also asked him about pellet bags. These bags must be turned inside out, no pellets left inside and all bags must be separate.

There was a discussion regarding the sign. Ms. Roach will look into sending a picture of the sign.

Ms. Roach will have 108 composters to be sold at the Earth Day event. They will be \$20.00 each. There was a discussion regarding how they will be sold.

Ms. Roach received a call from a woman at Tyco Printing who would like to pay for the Earth Day copying. She will also look into bringing a friend who does face painting. She will also like to do a children's activity. There was a discussion regarding this.

The scale is in and should be ready for use in May. Ms. Roach said that each homeowner will receive two vouchers for use at the transfer station. Payment can be made with a credit card or a debit cards.

Ms. Roach will keep the Commissioners informed regarding any press releases regarding the scale and the mattress program.

Ms. Roach discussed the activities that will be at the Earth Day event. These will include a band, and a tag sale. Goodwill will be on site all day. There will also be crushing of hard drives and thumb drives, children's book collection and food trucks.

Ms. Crann asked if there will be a weather person present. Ms. Roach said there will be.

It was noted that proof Hamden residency will be required for the purchase of a composter. The purchase will include a kitchen pail. The actual cost of these units is approximately \$60.00.

There was a discussion regarding the display by Energize Connecticut last year, and the light bulb kits they sold. Mr. Sikorsky said this is a very good value. He said the cost is \$10.00 and the kit contains about \$25.00 worth of merchandise.

There was a discussion regarding what will be acceptable at Walmart.

Mr. Mark suggested having a handout listing what is acceptable at Walmart to be distributed at Earth Day.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding Ms. Ruhlman's suggestion that there be three bins at Earth Day displaying what can be recycled and where. Ms. Ruhlman will work on this for Earth Day.

Next, there was a discussion regarding Earth Day activities. Ms. Roach will work on a question for the scavenger hunt. She will also bring the supplies to the event.

There was also a lengthy discussion regarding different types of acceptable recyclables and their use.

Ms. Roach discussed recycling activity she observed on a recent trip to Puerto Rico.

Mr. Mark asked about Organic Food Composting Facilities. Ms. Roach explained the law pertaining to this. She said a facility will be built in Southington as soon as the snow melts.

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 the meeting. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.**

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk