

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION CONFERENCE ROOM
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE
HAMDEN, CT
APRIL 8, 2015**

Commissioner in attendance: Robert Mark, Chairman
Amy Ruhlman, Vice Chairman
Bill Sikorsky
Laura Zambrano

Commissioner not in attendance: Janice Crann

Others in attendance: Pamela Roach, Recycling Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

There was a discussion regarding what is recyclable in the plastic film recycling box at Walmart, what can go in the regular plastic bag recycling boxes at grocery stores, what goes out for Curbside Recycling, and what goes into the trash. The Commissioners sorted items into the appropriate bins and will display them at the Earth Day Celebration as an educational tool.

Ms. Roach gave the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission their Scavenger Hunt question. The Commission will be included in the Scavenger Hunt at Earth Day.

Ms. Ruhlman spoke about Yale's Environmental Films that were held at Yale last weekend.

During the past month there were several e-mail discussions regarding the plastic film recycling box at Walmart and about the table display that the Commission will have at Earth Day.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mayor Jackson announced his resignation effective April 16, 2015. There will be a gathering for a fond farewell to Scott Jackson being held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 from 2:30pm – 4:30pm in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Hamden Government Center.

New Haven's inter-local agreement (to bring Hamden's curbside recycling and bulk to the New Haven Transfer Station) is in its final draft form and is currently being reviewed by the Town of Hamden. This agreement will include a reimbursement for Hamden's curbside recycling tonnage.

The scale and scale house are in but payment is not being accepting yet.

Ms. Roach compiled the CT Recycler's Coalition's (CRC) April Newsletter. It should be e-mailed this week. Ms. Roach will forward the CRC.

Bankwell is holding a free shred event this Saturday, April 11th from 12 pm-3 pm (maximum 3 boxes free). Bankwell will give out Earth Day Flyers for at this event.

Ms. Roach discussed some of the dozens of details for Earth Day. Commissioners will be on-site at 9am on the day of the celebration. Ms. Roach will bring a box of handouts for the Commission. Mr. Mark will help sell composters on site to Hamden residents.

There was a discussion regarding the e-mail Mr. Mark sent to his distribution list reminding them about Earth Day.

Backyard composters will be for sale at the Earth Day Celebration to Hamden residents only. Only payments in cash will be accepted.

Bulk trash pickup is this month. It was noted that residents are putting out unacceptable items, i.e. electronics. Mr. Sikorsky is tagging them. Several addresses that are in non-compliance were discussed.

Ms. Roach has two up-coming interviews with AM 1220 WQUN; one with Ray Andrewsen that will be aired on Monday morning, April 13th; and one with Steve Savino that will air on Tuesday, April 14th.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Mark raised a question about plastic bottles with smallish caps. Caps can be recycled, however if the cap has steel in it, i.e. plastic and metal combined, it must be put into the trash.

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 the meeting. Commission Ruhlman seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by: _____

Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk