

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

JULY 8, 2015

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Mark turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Ruhlman.

Ms. Ruhlman called for nominations for Chairman of the Commission.

Ms. Crann nominated Mr. Mark for Chairman.

There were no further nominations.

The vote was unanimously in favor of Mr. Mark's nomination. Mr. Mark accepted the chairmanship, and thanked the members of the Commission for their vote of confidence.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Mark noted that Ms. Zambrano's statement that she would not be seeking reappointment to this Commission was omitted.

Commissioner Ruhlman motioned to accept the Minutes of the June 2015 Meeting as amended. Commissioner Crann seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mark noted the following communications:

Ms. Crann discussed a possible ban on Styrofoam in New York City. Ms. Roach read information from the internet regarding this topic. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this subject.

Ms. Zambrano shared an advertisement regarding a recyclable battery by Energizer. There was a short discussion regarding this advertisement.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Roach was at the former Hamden Middle School to determine where the recycling bins will be stored. This is necessary because the building has been sold. Possible locations were discussed at this meeting, but no decisions have been reached. One possibility is renting and/or purchasing storage trailers. Ms. Crann asked how many there are. Ms. Roach said there are at least 1,000. Mr. Mark asked what is done with broken carts. Ms. Roach said Trashmaster repairs them on site if possible. If they can't be repaired they are replaced.

Ms. Roach reported that she is working on the Transfer Station quarterly report for DEEP. She is also working on an Annual Recycling Report for DEEP.

Hazwaste Central's next volunteer day will be September 12th. Ms. Roach thanked those who volunteered at the May 30th event. There were a total of 405 households, 68 of which were from Hamden. Last year there were 395 households. Ms. Roach will send e-mails to volunteers regarding signup for September 12th.

Ms. Roach discussed possible replacements for the vacant slots on this Commission.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed how the Transfer Station's fees will be set. Ms. Roach added that the details are still being worked out. There was also a discussion regarding how payments will be made.

There will be a mattress recycling container at the Transfer Station by the end of July. There will be no charge for this as long as the mattress is not soiled.

A grant from DEEP was applied for. There is a possibility that there could be a \$5,000 award. Ms. Roach would like to use this for Earth Day. She will know by the end of July if we will receive the grant.

There was a discussion regarding accepting batteries and paint at the Transfer Station. Covered secured containers would be necessary in order for the Transfer Station to accept these items. There was further discussion regarding this subject.

The five towns from Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project met. There was an RFP put out for consulting firms to look at the market in the State to determine what the overall rate is in Connecticut. Ms. Roach said three firms have submitted proposals. She explained how the vendor was chosen. She explained what the current rate is, and added that the results of the study will not increase our present rate. There was a lengthy discussion regarding this topic.

There will be a meeting next week with the Connecticut Recyclers Coalition. An RFP will be issued by CRC for hiring someone for administrative services.

Ms. Crann asked Mr. Sikorsky if all the TVs that were put out for bulk pickup are gone. Mr. Sikorsky said most of them have been removed. There was a discussion regarding locations where items are still being put out for bulk pickup.

Mr. Mark asked if smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, etc. are considered electronic recycling. Ms. Roach will look into this, and e-mail Mr. Mark and the Commissioners with the information.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Commission.

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 Ruhlman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Crann seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.**

Submitted by: _____
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk