

TOWN OF HAMDEN

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING

A Meeting of the Solid Waste & Recycling Commission was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 in the Parks & Recreation Conference Room, Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut.

Commissioners in attendance: Bob Mark, Chairman
Amy Ruhlman, Vice Chair
Janice Crann
Bill Sikorsky

Others in attendance: Pam Roach, Recycling Coordinator
Laura Honis
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:52 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Crann motioned to accept the Minutes of the July 2015 Meeting as presented. Commissioner Ruhlman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mark discussed the following communications:

The form for Brooksvale Fall Festival was discussed. The form has been filed.

Ms. Roach sent Mr. Sikorsky's Report to the Commissioners.

Follow-up information on smoke detectors was sent out.

Invitations to Hazwaste Central on September 12th.

A Press Release regarding the Brooksvale Fall Festival.

Thanks to those who have signed up for Hazwaste Central on Saturday, September 12th.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

This will be Ms. Roach's last meeting. She will be leaving her position as Recycling Coordinator with the Town.

Ms. Roach reported that there is a mattress container at the Transfer Station, but it is not in use yet. It will be in use when it is moved to its permanent spot. Ms. Ruhlman asked what the advantage is to bringing a mattress to the Transfer Station as opposed to the putting it in the Town bulk-up. Ms. Roach said it would save money because the mattress would be recycled and the Town would not be charged. She added that any mattress with bed bugs or that is extremely soiled or in very bad shape would go into the trash and the Town would be charged.

The Town has received a \$6,750 grant from the State. Ms. Roach said the State would approve using this grant to build a structure for paint and batteries at the transfer station. Mr. Mark asked about the grant being used for Earth Day. Ms. Roach said the grant is to be used to reduce waste.

Ms. Roach will give her list of responsibilities to the Mayor's Office. This will include a to-do list, Earth Day information, as well as information regarding meetings and reports. She will also provide the Mayor's Office with distribution lists and information regarding school education, etc.

There was a discussion regarding the above information. Ms. Honis will keep the Commission informed about several recycling issues until the position of Recycling Coordinator is filled.

There was a discussion regarding how information from DEEP will be received until the new Recycling Coordinator is hired.

Mr. Mark asked about the recycling and trash bin storage. Ms. Roach said this issue has not been resolved yet. Ms. Roach discussed several options for storing the bins.

Ms. Roach was asked about the Transfer Station fees. She said this is still being worked out. She added that the fees should be in effect by the beginning of the year.

Ms. Roach reported that the Annual Report is done, the State Report is also done, and the Quarterly Report is done thru June is done.

OLD BUSINESS

All Old Business to come before the Commission was covered in the Recycling Coordinator's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding the Brooksvale Fall Festival. Ms. Roach said Mr. Mark can e-mail Ranger Vinnie Lavorgna regarding the schedule of events. Mr. Mark, Ms. Ruhlman, Ms. Crann and Mr. Sikorsky will be at this event. There was a discussion regarding borrowing a pop-up tent. Mr. Mark will get the box of handouts, etc. from Ms. Roach this evening.

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. Commissioner Crann seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

Submitted by _____
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk