



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

## SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION

**MINUTES:** The Solid Waste and Recycling Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on October 14, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Parks & Recreation Conference Room, Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut. The following items were discussed:

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Robert Mark, Chairman  
Janice Crann  
Amy Ruhlman  
Bill Sikorsky  
Laura Zambrano  
Andy Wormser

**Staff in Attendance:** Pam Roach, Recycling Coordinator  
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Commissioner Zambrano made a motion to accept the Minutes of the July 2009 meeting. Commissioner Wormser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.**

### COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mark presented the following information to the Commissioners:

Mr. Mark said that Ms. Roach has sent out a lot of good information. He also said she did a very good job on the State Report and a good job on the write up to Mayor.

Mr. Mark said the water bottle news was good to see.

Next, there was a discussion regarding single stream recycling and the article on North Haven regarding single stream. The discussion included the recycling of colored plastic. Mr. Mark stated that many towns do not do as good a job as Hamden when it comes to recycling.

Mr. Mark next said that the best news was that the field trip to the recycling facility has been scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. There was a discussion among the Commissioners regarding carpooling and a place to meet.

It was noted that Commissioner Zambrano's telephone number was incorrect on the Commission Roster and there was no telephone number for Commissioner Weir. Clerk Craft will correct this error and omission.

### **RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Roach discussed the upcoming Fall Festival to be held at Brooksvale Park from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The rain date is Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Roach said the weather does not look promising for these days. She will e-mail the Commission members with the Park & Rec telephone number to call for cancellation information. There was a discussion regarding the Commissioners that could attend this event. Mr. Mark and Caryl, and Commissioners Zambrano, Wormser and Crann will be there. Ms. Roach will be able to set up on Saturday but will have to leave by 4:00 PM. If the event is held on Sunday Ms. Roach will set up and stay for an hour and will then return at 4:00 PM

There will be an Electronics Collection on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Cheshire High School. Shredding will also be available at this site.

Commissioner Zambrano asked about televisions being placed in bulk pick up. Ms. Roach said this is not allowed but people are doing it anyway. She added that in most cases the TVs are picked up by the trucks. Mr. Sikorsky has been putting stickers on them but they are still being picked up. There was a discussion regarding this problem and Commissioner Wormser asked if this Commission could speak to Trashmaster about this. Ms. Roach said this is handled by the Mayor's office. She added that she has spoken with Trashmaster several times recently and they have been very agreeable. Ms. Roach asked the Commissioner to send her their thoughts and ideas on what should be discussed with Trashmaster and she will put them together and e-mail them to the Commission members for discussion at the next meeting.

Next, Ms. Roach discussed complaints she has received regarding recycling trucks that are not labeled. People think that we are not recycling. Ms. Roach spoke with the person in charge and they will look into labeling the truck.

Mr. Mark asked if there is any feed back on the Green Teams at the schools. Ms. Roach said she plans to start scheduling school visits with Frank Caraglio.

Mr. Mark said at a previous meeting it was decided that Mr. Sikorsky would check on Paradise Country Club, Laurel View, and the YMCA to see if they are recycling. Mr. Sikorsky said the he met with a representative of Laurel View and was told that there is a trashcan at each hole on the golf course. Mr. Sikorsky will provide them with recycling bins to be placed with the trashcans. Next, there was a discussion about the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole. A recycling container will be placed outside. Mr. Sikorsky was further advised to speak with Sean Reilly at Eli's on Whitney. Mr. Reilly agreed to do what ever was necessary regarding recycling.

Commissioner Ruhlman asked about recycling at the Y Camp. Mr. Sikorsky will look into this.

Ms. Roach said she believes that Paradise is doing a good job with recycling.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Mark asked if anyone was interested in working on the Annual Report. Mr. Mark may have some time to work on this.

Mr. Sikorsky continues to send reports to the Legislative Council.

Commissioner Wormser commented that the Hamden High School fields look pristine, he has seen no trash there.

The Commissioners commented on the good job that Frank Caraglio is doing. Ms. Roach will pass this on to him.

There was a discussion regarding certificates that could be given to acknowledge the Commission's appreciation. Ms. Roach will e-mail samples to the Commissioners.

**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 Wormser motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zambrano and passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:26 P.M.

Submitted by:

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Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission

