

# TOWN OF HAMDEN

## SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING

The Solid Waste & Recycling Commission will held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 7:30 PM in the Second Floor Conference Room, Hamden Government Center, 2750 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, 06518. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioner in Attendance: Robert Mark, Chairman  
Janice Crann  
Bill Sikorsky  
Amy Ruhlman  
Laura Zambrano

Others in Attendance: Pam Roach, Recycling Coordinator  
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

### ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chairman Mark turned the meeting over to Commissioner Ruhlman. Commissioner Ruhlman asked for nominations for Commission Chair. Commissioner Zambrano nominated Robert Mark to continue as Chair. The vote was unanimously in favor of the re-election of Robert Mark to serve as Commission Chair.

Next, Chairman Mark asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Mark nominated Commissioner Andy Wormser to continue serving as Vice Chair. The vote was unanimously in favor of the reelection of Commissioner Andy Wormser to serve as Commission Vice Chair.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2010 MEETING

Chairman Mark asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the Minutes of the June 9, 2010 Meeting. There were none and Chairman Mark called for a motion to approve. **Commissioner Zambrano motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Crann and passed unanimously.**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2010 SPECIAL MEETING

Chairman Mark asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections to the Minutes of the July 7, 2010 Special Meeting. There were none and Chairman Mark called for a motion to approve. **Commissioner Ruhlman motioned to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zambrano and passed unanimously.**

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### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Mark informed the Commissioners that the recommendations regarding the Transfer Station were sent to Mayoral Chief Administrative Officer Curt Leng. Mr. Mark added that Mr. Leng replied that day and said he shared the recommendations with the Mayor. Mr. Mark has not heard back from him yet.

Mr. Mark commented on the New York City clothing recycling program. He added that this sounded like a very good idea. All present agreed.

Next, there was a discussion regarding illegal signs that have been posted around Town on poles and trees. Mr. Sikorsky said that he removes them whenever he sees them or gets reports regarding these signs.

Mr. Sikorsky said he has visited the Transfer Station. He said the office has been cleaned out. He said the employees who are currently working there are doing so on a day-to-day basis. He added that these employees are informed at 2:30 PM each day whether they should come in to work the next day.

### **RECYCLING COORDINATORS REPORT**

Recycling Coordinator Roach reported the following information to the Commissioners:

There was a Discussion concerning the Paint Program Legislation. This legislation has been passed in Oregon. Ms. Roach said she believes this will pass in Connecticut next year.

The Friday night Concert program has been provided with several recycling bins. It was noted that there are Boy Scouts collecting the five-cent bottles from the bins. Ms. Roach provided two large signs stating "Recycling Here" to be placed in prominent locations at the concerts.

There was a discussion regarding the recycling bins at Bassett Field. Mr. Sikorsky has visited the field and said the bins are being used.

The Direct Mailing went out to all residents regarding the new recycling policy. The stickers have run out. More have been reordered. Bins are moving like "hotcakes".

Ms. Roach is going to the Green Expo on September 12<sup>th</sup>. That is also the next Home Town Day for Hazwaste Central in New Haven. Ms. Roach explained the Hazwaste Central Program that includes 16 towns. Ms. Roach said she would send out e-mails regarding volunteers at the beginning of September.

There was a short discussion regarding the Fall Festival at Brooksvale Park.

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Ms. Roach next discussed the National Night Out that is scheduled to be held at Rochford Field on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Roach described the activities that will be held at this event. Ms. Roach asked if anyone from this Commission would be interested in setting up a table and tent there to give out recycling information. The Clean and Green Commission will be there distributing information. Commissioner Crann suggested that this Commission attend this event along with The Clean and Green Commission.

Ms. Roach said she drove by a store that will be opening soon in Meriden named Savers. This is a store that will accept mildly used article that can be brought there to be sold. They will also send someone out to pick articles up on scheduled days. Ms. Ruhlman said New Haven Home Recovery would also pick up articles at no charge.

Mr. Mark asked Ms. Roach about the Boy Scout bins at Brooksvale. Ms. Roach will stop at Brooksvale Park to see how this project is going.

Next, Mr. Mark asked about the Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer who was working with Quinnipiac University regarding bulk trash. Mr. Sikorsky has received a list of all student rentals in the Town. Ms. Roach will also be receiving a list of approved student rentals. Mr. Sikorsky and Ms. Roach explained how Quinnipiac University picks up bulk trash from properties that they own. Ms. Ruhlman asked about landlords who don't report student rentals.

Mr. Mark asked Ms. Roach if she has a working relationship with the QU recycling Coordinator. She said she does have contact with Keith Willard the QU Recycling Coordinator.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was a discussion regarding the Ice Rink. The rink is currently closed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

After a short discussion regarding the August Meeting, Chairman Mark asked for a motion regarding the meeting. **Commissioner Crann motioned to cancel the August Meeting. Commissioner Sikorsky seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

### **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 motion was seconded by Commissioner Zambrano and passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM.

Submitted by:

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Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk