



TOWN OF HAMDEN

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COMMISSION

MINUTES: The Solid Waste and Recycling Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 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
Amy Ruhlman
Bill Sikorsky
John Weir
Janice Crann
Laura Zambrano

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mark called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted that the minutes indicated that Councilperson Kath Schomaker was in attendance, which she was not. There were no further additions, deletions or corrections and Chairman Mark called for a motion to accept the Minutes as corrected. **Commissioner Weir motioned to accept the Minutes as corrected. Commissioner Sikorsky seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Mark discussed the information that was sent by Ms. Roach and Commissioner Weir.

Mr. Weir discussed the Wallingford transfer station redesign.

Mr. Mark said a meeting was supposed to be held with CAO Leng today but was postponed to next week. Ms. Roach asked who could attend, and when the meeting would be held. It was decided that Ms. Roach would try to set something up for next Wednesday, December 15th at 5:00 or 5:30 PM. She will email a confirmation.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The list of acceptable items for recycling was discussed. All agreed that the list was very good. Ms. Roach was asked why construction paper had been on the "do not" list. She said it was because the amount of ink was too heavy and dense. It will now be accepted. She added that construction paper comes mostly from the school art rooms.

Ms. Roach said that Goodwill now takes TVs for recycling.

A list has not yet been received from DEP regarding acceptable electronics recyclers. When the list is received the Town will set up an RFP panel to choose a vendor. Ms. Roach said she would like someone from this Commission to be on the panel. The panel will meet during the day.

Mr. Mark asked if there would be things that they must do, and a list of what we would like done without charge. Pam explained what would be asked for on the RFP. Mr. Mark asked if some are free and some are charged for. Ms. Roach said the panel would discuss the requirement before the RFP is issued.

Mr. Weir said he would serve on the panel. Mr. Mark said his serving on the panel would depend on when the meetings are held. Ms. Roach will keep them on standby. Mr. Mark suggested that Ms. Roach take minutes at the panel meetings and email them to the Commission members. Commissioner Crann said she could be available if necessary.

Ms. Roach said the bids for the trash and recycle containers for the parks came in at \$300 to \$500 each. There was a discussion regarding this topic. The discussion included how they could be secured to the ground and how the tops will be secured.

Ms. Roach and Mr. Sikorsky met with Ms. Schomaker to discuss setting up an ordinance to fine residents who don't recycle. Ms. Roach presented examples of what other towns do, and discussed options and amount of fines. Ms. Roach also discussed how these programs work. She said there are 10 or 12 towns that fine. Ms. Crann suggested an article in the paper to say that a resident could be fined. It was felt that it would be a good idea to have an ordinance in place. Mr. Sikorsky said that often when he doesn't see a bin out it is because the resident forgot, so we would have to be careful fining residents.

Ms. Roach said the highway rest areas will be Subways, and they will put in bottle and recycling bins with locks.

Mr. Mark asked if there would be a push in the legislature for additions to Bottle Bill. It was noted that the Ciera Club is a lead organization on this. Ms. Roach said this must be done in baby steps. She further stated that CRRA objects to this since it reduces their revenue.

The Earth Day Committee met this evening. Ms. Roach said that if anyone has ideas for activities at this event to please let her know. She said private schools would be asked to participate. Common Ground will also be invited. There was further discussion regarding the Earth Day set up. Gil Simmons and the Channel 8 Weather Lab may also be there.

Mr. Mark said Ms. Roach's initiative and determination are appreciated.

Mr. Mark initiated a discussion regarding how much we recycle compared to other towns.

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Ms. Roach said plastics one and two will be on mandated list along with magazines. There was a discussion regarding plastics three thru seven.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

The proposed meeting schedule was presented to the Commissioners. **Commissioner Weir motioned to approve the schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sikorsky and passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission, and Chairman Mark called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Weir motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zambrano and passed unanimously.** Chairman Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Submitted by:

Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission

***THE NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMISSION WILL BE:
FEBRUARY 9, 2011***