



# TOWN OF HAMDEN

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### CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

***“OUR TOWN, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEP HAMDEN CLEAN”***

**MINUTES:** The Clean & Green Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Agnes Orłowski, Chad McCulley, Diane Hoffman, Sandra Serrano Alvarado, Scott Howland, Charlene Webb, Carl Jordan, Jack O'Donnell, Barbara Schlein

Absent: Peter Palmieri, Marietta Mattei (Excused)

Others in Attendance: Pam Roach, Recycling Coordinator, Gerry Tobin, Clerk

1. Call to Order 7:00

Mr. Howland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests Lauren and Cassie, students at Quinnipiac University, and Mike, student from Southern Connecticut State University

2. Review Minutes of July 18, 2011

Under Old Business, change night of the fireworks to morning after the fireworks  
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**Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of July 18<sup>th</sup> as corrected. Ms. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

3. Old Business

Mr. Howland thanked everyone who came to the cookout, and Commissioners thanked Mr. Howland for the nice afternoon.

Mr. Howland thanked all who attended Hamden Hometown Day at Hazwaste Central. Ms. Hoffman felt it turned out well. Ms. Schlein thinks the car flow could be a little

different. She thinks it could work like Marshalls - cars come in in a single file and get directed to one of the two lanes. Ms. Hoffman agreed.

#### 4. New Business

Mr. Howland said we will not have a September cleanup. He contacted a couple of civic groups to act as sponsors, but couldn't get anyone. He said someone called from Quinnipiac on Thursday night, but that wasn't enough notice for a cleanup Saturday morning. Mr. McCulley said at the High School, his wife is involved with the Human Relations Club and he will ask if they could be one of our sponsors. Cleanups take place from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on a Saturday or Sunday. We need three people from the sponsoring organization.

Tee Shirt Update – Mr. Howland distributed the tee shirts purchased with the donated funds. 100 tee shirts were purchased for \$400 to be given to volunteers.

Ms. Roach's Report – Ms. Roach thanked everyone for the help at Hazwaste Hometown Day.

Ms. Roach said that the Town purchased a DVD Carbon Nation, which is a climate change solutions movie. It will be shown at Thornton Wilder on Wednesday evening, November 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. She will also show it at Earth Day in April.

The Brooksvale Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, 10/15/11 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Town's Bulk Trash collection will take place from October 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Paint Product Stewardship Council - A bill was passed this year that will take effect in two years making manufacturers responsible for the transportation and disposal of paint. Latex paint will be included.

Ms. Roach said every year Earth Day is held in April at Hamden Middle School. If that is in the realm of the High School Human Relations Club, we would appreciate their help. The Clean & Green Commission does a scavenger hunt. In 2012, Earth Day will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Schlein said between now and the paint legislation, we should remind people about what to do with the latex paint. Ms. Roach said SWRC and HazWaste Central always let people know about this at any events they participate in.

Ms. Roach said recycling containers were in the budget, but we have to get a contract with Recycle Bank and a third party agreement with Trash Master. Trash Masters' contract is up for bid next year.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado asked about Green Expo. Ms. Roach had a booth there and Ms. Orlowski attended this event in Edgerton Park last Saturday. Ms. Orlowski attended this event.

Brooksvale Fall Festival – Mr. Howland explained that each year we set up a table at Brooksvale and promote our Commission, hand out reading material and other items.

The event takes place on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m. and we set up earlier. Mr. Howland, Ms. Hoffman and Mr. McCulley will help set up. Mr. O'Donnell will man the booth but is not sure of the time. Mr. Jordan and Ms. Orłowski will help. Ag

Ms. Hoffman said at one of the council meetings, Kath Schomaker mentioned trees along sidewalks that get removed and not replaced. Mr. Howland feels tree planting is something we should be doing. He will contact Ms. Schomaker.

Mr. Howland received letter from Curt Leng regarding bus shelter cleaning. A quote waiver for a one time cleaning of bus shelters has been requested of the Legislative Council.

Michael Bellemore, SCSU student, asked what the Commission has done in the Town besides cleanups. Commissioners responded that we have produced informational brochures, handouts, developed a tree list, volunteer at Hazwaste Central, cleanups, after concert cleanups, petitioned the Mayors Office for list of blighted properties. The Commission also participates in Earth Day and Brooksvale Day to make people aware of this Commission and what it does. We also push the town to enforce the ordinances pertaining to blight.

#### 5. Adjournment

Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hoffman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk