



TOWN OF HAMDEN

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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CLEAN & GREEN COMMISSION

“OUR TOWN, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, KEEP HAMDEN CLEAN”

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Minutes: The Clean & Green Commission, Town of Hamden, held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Mary Solis, Sandra Serrano Alvarado, Scott Howland, Chad McCulley, Agnes Orłowski, Marietta Mattei, Lisa Feliconio, Carl Jordan

Commissioners Absent: Charlene Webb, Peter Palmieri

Others in Attendance: Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator Pam Roach
Commission Clerk Gerry Tobin

1. Call to Order

Ms. Serrano Alvarado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. *New commissioner Lisa Feliconio was introduced.*

2. Review Minutes of March 18, 2013

Ms. Mattei made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2013 meeting. Mr. Howland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

Ms. Serrano Alvarado said that last month we did not have a quorum. She reminded commissioners that if they know that they cannot attend a meeting, they should let her or Ms. Solis know. Ms. Solis wondered if the chairs could send commissioners a reminder a day or two before the meeting. *Mr. Howland agreed the co-chairs could email meeting reminders.*

Earth Day – Ms. Mattei's *articles* were outstanding. We sold \$16 worth of stickers, and Ms. Serrano Alvarado has the cash. She also has two bags of dirt that we can probably use for another event. Ms. Roach said the interview on Citizens Television went very well.

The Clean & Green Commission will not be marching in the Memorial Day Parade because not enough people signed up.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado asked Ms. Roach if she know the status of the letter from they Mayor's Office and this commission to Hamden Businesses, urging them to keep their properties clean and green. Ms. Roach will follow up with the Mayor's Office.

Definitions: Old business is something that was discussed at a previous meeting that is being continued to future meeting/s. New business is something that members bring up that has not been discussed previously.

Ms. Mattei mentioned that the Orchid Awards winners this year (Specialty Wire and Betty Murray) had other qualities in addition to keeping their properties clean and green. Betty Murray is a community activist who does many other things. Specialty Wire has water recycling equipment in their facility. There was discussion on additional features for awards that we should keep in mind for future awards.

4. New Business

June Cleanups

Scott Howland mentioned the private cemetery on State Street. A gentleman called him asking if we would be interested in cleaning it up. There is a Connecticut law that on Memorial Day flags are supposed to be placed on the graves of veterans, but the State Street cemetery is in such poor condition, that they don't want the boy scouts to go in there. Mr. Ioime of the Historic Properties Commission approached the Town and they are reluctant to do anything. If the commissions clean up and place the debris *near* the road, Public Works will pick it up. Mr. Howland will look at the cemetery to determine its condition. He also saw the Rosa Parks garden, and it is full of weeds. There was discussion on what happened when the commission approached the people who used to take care of the garden.

The commission discussed inviting Mr. Leng to our June meeting and commissioners should provide some questions for him. Commissioners will send *questions* to Ms. Solis or Ms. Serrano Alvarado.

There were questions regarding the bulk trash pickup. There is still out a lot of bulk trash at the curbs per Mr. Howland. Ms. Roach said what is left is probably not acceptable bulk. There was discussion on items that are not acceptable for bulk trash.

It was suggested that the commission invite Dale Kroop, Economic Development Director, to one of the commission's meetings. Perhaps he can help the commission reach out to businesses for sponsorship. We need a sponsor for a September cleanup. Sponsors only have to provide three people and the commission provides supplies and shirts. Mr. Howland reminded Ms. Serrano Alvarado to make sure that the supplies are available under the stage for the concert cleanups. The Town will supply the bags.

Mr. Howland mentioned the Quinnipiac Bank sponsored *cleanup*. We let the sponsors pick the locations that they want to clean. The Quinnipiac Students will go anywhere we suggest. The High School and Middle School have adopted sections of the Farmington Canal Trail. Ms. Orłowski said the Town has hired an hourly worker for a few days a week in the morning to pick

up litter on the trail from the New Haven line to Skiff Street. Ms. Orłowski said a man from Home Depot was out on the trail trimming branches and going on and on about how Public works doesn't maintain the trail. When we had the 40" of snow, Home Depot plows dumped their snow onto the trail, killing five trees and breaking many branches on other trees. Home Depot is replacing the trees and mulching around them.

Ms. Roach thanked everyone for helping at Earth Day and said that the scavenger hunt is a major feature and a huge draw. Ms. Orłowski said they gave out every one of the 140 plants and probably 100 frisbees and magnets. Walgreen's gave out 1000 reusable bags. Experience Corps gave out 1,000 books. The recycled instruments show had about 100 kids in attendance. CERT estimated that there were 4,000 people in attendance. The CHIP program ran out of kits. Next year, Hamden's Earth Day celebration will take place on April 19th.

Ms. Roach advised commissioners that the paint program law passed. She also said there is a trailer for electronics at the transfer station.

Product Stewardships – Effective July 1, the paint program is going into effect. Latex and oil paints can go to Hazwaste Central. It is not official yet, but there will be a couple of locations in Hamden that will start accepting paint for disposal. On July 13th, Paintcare has offered to collect paint at Hamden Middle School from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mattresses will be next on the list for product stewardships, probably in 2014. Manufacturers will be responsible for the transportation and disposal of mattresses

Ms. Roach explained the HazWaste Hometown Day where volunteers register vehicles and direct traffic. Volunteers are needed for Saturday.

If all goes as planned, there is a letter from the Town out to the low bidders for 96 gallon recycling containers and 54 gallon garbage containers. There is also a software program that would place a chip in the recycling containers to keep track of recycling. She is thinking September for delivery of containers.

If the commission can clean the cemetery, that will be *the* June cleanup. In July, the commission cleans up the morning after the concerts. There are no cleanups scheduled during August.

Ms. Roach reminded commissioners that on Thursday June 15th, there is a tour of the Goodwill facility on State Street, organized by CT Recyclers. Please email Ms. Roach if you plan to attend.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Howland made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk