



TOWN OF HAMDEN

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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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, October 21 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Sandra Serrano Alvarado, Mary Solis, Peter Palmieri, Scott Howland, Carl Jordan, Lisa Feliconio

Commissioners Excused: Marietta Mattei, Agnes Orłowski

Commissioners Absent: Charlene Webb

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 7:03 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of September 16, 2013

Mr. Howland referred to comments in the minutes regarding the State Street Cemetery. Since that meeting, we have been advised by the Town Attorney's Office that the Clean & Green Commission will not be able to perform the cleanup at the State Street Cemetery.

Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16th meeting. Mr. Howland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

3. Old Business

Ms. Serrano Alvarado said the Brooksvale Park event was very well attend. Thank you to commissioners who helped out at this very successful event, and special thanks to Mr. Palmieri, who stayed almost the whole day. We also received some donations, and people signed up that were interested in volunteering to help with a cleanup. Mr. Howland asked if there was an official tally of people in attendance. He said it seemed more people attended this year than previously. Ms. Roach will ask around for a response to that question. Ms. Roach advised that

the donations should be put in the form of a check made out to the Clean & Green Commission Gift Fund and Ms. Roach will get it deposited. She will also check the balance in the account. There was discussion on the clamps that were borrowed.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado reported that we almost lost out on a table for the Brooksvale Festival. Mr. Palmieri said some of the people that attended were told not to bring tables, that the Town would provide each vendor with a table and two chairs. Mr. Howland mentioned that the registration form says that they will provide you with a table and two chairs, but doesn't guarantee a spot under the tent. If you are not there on time, you might lose out on the table.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado mentioned that she passed by Rosa Jones Park and it looks really nice. We still aren't sure who did the cleanup there.

Ms. Solis asked if the money that was collected at Brooksvale should be in the annual report, and Mr. Howland replied that it should. He suggested that Ms. Solis use Ms. Mattie's format for the annual report. It should be presented in early January.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado mentioned a cleanup at Dixwell and Putnam that was discussed previously. She asked what the commissioner's thought about a cleanup before we close up for the winter. Mr. Howland reminded the commissioners that we need a sponsor. Mr. Jordan will help. Ms. Serrano Alvarado will call the small business owner that was at the Brooksvale Fall Festival to see if he would like to participate in the cleanup. Mr. Howland reminded her to mention that he should bring one or two of his employees and plan to be there for two hours. Also let him know that he does not have to bring or purchase any supplies.

Recycling Coordinator Ms. Roach's Report

Ms. Roach thanked everyone for their presence at Brooksvale. She reminded Ms. Serrano Alvarado to contact the people who signed up to volunteer. Ms. Serrano Alvarado mentioned how important Community Service is on college applications.

People interested in becoming members of the commission should send resumes to vmorrison@hamden.com, or mail to Town Clerk Vera Morrison at 2750 Dixwell Avenue, 06518. The same process is required for reappointments.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado asked what happened to the letter from the Mayor and commissioner's to local businesses. Ms. Roach will follow-up.

Ms. Roach said the process for the trash/recycling bins has been delayed. The Town has decided to use the 96 gallon bins and must go back to Council for the additional funds.

Ms. Solis asked if mattresses are allowed in bulk trash. Ms. Roach replied that they are. Ms. Solis mentioned the tag sale signs. Ms. Roach suggested the commissioners report where the signs are and Bill will go out and remove them and/or possibly call the person who ran the tag sale to tell them it is their responsibility to remove the signs.

The mattress program will be effective next July. People will be able to bring their mattresses to the transfer station where there will be a special dumpster. This would not cost the Town anything. We will still have to pay for the weight if they are curbside, depending on who we choose and where our recycling and bulk trash are going.

Ms. Roach said there was supposed to be a scale installed at the transfer station, but when they started to dig, they found fill in the area, which would not support the scale.

Mr. Jordan reported a dilapidated/blighted house at 75 Hawthorne Street. Ms. Roach will report this to Adam Zonas, Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer.

The Mayoral debate was mentioned and it was noted that it was about making Hamden greener, meaning more energy efficient, not litter free.

4. New Business

There was applause for Mr. Howland who is leaving the commission to join the Veteran's Commission. Commissioners thanked him for a great job as chairman for several years, and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Today we received an email from Chad McCulley which included his resignation from the commission due to the demands of his new job.

Ms. Feliconio has a person in mind to fill a vacancy on the Commission, and she will follow up on that. Ms. Roach sent an email to Ms. Serrano Alvarado and Ms. Solis with a suggestion for a new member. Mr. Jordan will reach out to a couple of organizations he knows of that might be willing to sponsor a cleanup. Sponsors can be a civic associations or a business.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Palmieri seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Submitted by:

Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk