

**MINUTES:** The Clean & Green Commission held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor conference room, Hamden Government Center. The following issues were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Charlene Webb, Peter Palmieri, Lisa Feliconio, Marietta Mattei, Mary Solis, Sandra Serrano Alvarado, Agnes Orłowski, Carl Jordan

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

1. Ms. Serrano Alvarado called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Review Minutes of October 21, 2013

Page 1 – last paragraph, first line change attend to attended. Page 2, fourth paragraph, second line, change Mattie to Mattei.

**Ms. Mattei made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21<sup>st</sup> as corrected. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

3. Old Business

There was discussion regarding the problems with parking at Brooksvale Day.

4. New Business

Ms. Serrano Alvarado brought up the subject of membership on the Commission. Mr. Howland has resigned and joined the Veterans Commission. Mr. McCulley has started a new job and has had to submit his resignation. Ms. Serrano Alvarado said that she heard of a new candidate for Clean & Green submitting a resume to the Town Clerk, but has heard nothing further. Ms. Mattei said she will be resigning from the commission effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, and will submit her letter of resignation to the Mayor and the Town Clerk. This is the first meeting she has been able to attend in a while.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado said she approached someone about sponsoring the commission for a cleanup but he couldn't get another person to help, so that is not going to happen. They were planning to clean in the area of Putnam Avenue. Ms. Mattei suggested she contact Specialty Wire because the Campo's received the Orchid Award last spring, and Mrs. Campo said when she walks the trail she brings a trash bag with her. There was additional discussion regarding the list of people that signed up to help at Earth Day and Brooksvale Day. Ms. Orłowski said we need to stress that we cannot have a cleanup without a sponsor. Ms. Serrano Alvarado said Ms. Roach sent her an email about someone who wanted a cleanup at the Mill Road area but she didn't receive a response. Ms. Serrano Alvarado will call. We need three people from the sponsoring organization, which could be a family, a group of neighbors, or a business or other organization. There was discussion regarding the Hamden Middle School web site community service link. Ms. Mattei mentioned that the High School kids also have to do Community Service in order to graduate.

Clean & Green's Mission Statement is on the Town's web site.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado did an inventory of supplies. She also has the cash donations from Brooksvale Day. She has 12-14 pair of black fabric gloves and a box of the plastic gloves. Mr. Palmieri suggested we purchase gloves. Ms. Roach said she will check with Public Works to see if they can supply gloves. Ms. Serrano Alvarado has a box of the Husky bulk black trash bags, 28 to a box, but she doesn't have any of the clear bags that we use for the recyclables. Ms. Roach will check the source. The commission should also get another box of black bags.

Ms. Roach explained that the cash must be deposited and then the receipt for purchases must be submitted for reimbursement.

Ms. Serrano Alvarado brought up the Annual Report and Ms. Mattei will email last year's report to her. The report is a summary of what the commission has done throughout the year, including cleanups, post concert cleanups, HazWaste Hometown Days, Earth Day, Brooksvale Day, etc. Ms. Serrano Alvarado will prepare the report and email it to commissioners for review before submitting it to the Mayor.

Ms. Roach said the trash and recycling carts will be delivered beginning on December 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing through December and into January and will take three-four weeks weather depending. Once they are all delivered the Town will start using them. There will be an announcement as to the start date. The trash hauler will be switching to automated trucks. You can keep your old containers, bring them to the transfer station, or put them out in April for the bulk trash collection. Ms. Mattei asked how the Town will get the word out. Ms. Roach said there will be media releases, it will be on the Town's Facebook page, and there will be a notice on top of the trash carts. Residents have to use the new containers or their trash will not be picked up. The schedule will remain mostly the same with recycling picked up every other week. Residents will also be provided with a doorknob hanger that will have instructions for how to separate trash and recycling.

There was discussion regarding the transfer station and the installation of a scale. Ms. Roach is not sure, but thinks what the Town is planning to do is give residents a certain number of loads per year. The Legislative Council passed an Ordinance a year ago about charging for disposal of certain kinds of items.

Hamden has sponsored an energize Hamden program, and there is a presentation tonight at the Miller Library.

#### 2014 Calendar

The 2014 calendar shows meetings on the third Monday of each month except August and December when the commission does not meet, and the January and February meetings which are held on the third Tuesdays because of Monday holidays.

**Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the 2014 calendar as presented. Mr. Palmieri seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.**

Ms. Solis wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

Mr. Jordan said kudos to Ms. Mattei on her many years of service on this Commission. The commission wished Ms. Mattei well.

#### 5. Adjournment

**Ms. Feliconio made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Jordan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk