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RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Minutes for Thursday, September 23, 2010 at Town Hall

I. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Members - Chair, Lori Fernand, Cathy Barnard, Liz Melvin, Lonni Schulz, Joyce Banks, Mary Turner and John Hampton, BOS Liaison

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the June 2010 with corrections was made by Mary Turner and seconded by Liz Melvin. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Correspondence: None

Recycling News:

- An article from the Simsbury News reported a new program from the Stratton Brook Parks and Recreation called the Pollution Solution.
- At the Home Improvement Show there was a Green Monster Computer and Electronic Recycling company, which recycles computers and electronics.
- An article published in the Simsbury News dated Wed Sep 22, 2010 reporting the Chamber of Commerce was to manage an electronic recycling program.
- The Hartford Courant published on April 25 an article titled "Give your clothes another life". The article suggests many ways to recycle clothes, such as resell on Ebay, swap clothes, give them to charity, if they cannot be worn, they can be turned into rags.
- Joyce reported a new second hand shop located on the corner of West Street and Bushy Hill.
- Joyce reported the company she works for turns in 30% of use recycled material for blinds.
- Joyce Banks reported that at the Senior Center a collection of can tops was used for a fundraiser to buy toys for children in long-term hospital care.
- John Hampton mentioned many are going to paper cups instead of using pottery. Lonni added that Uconn has already made the switch.
- John Hampton brought up getting recycling bins into the town hall as an ongoing project.
- Lonni Schulz demonstrated a T shirt she wore which was made from

recycling material purchased at U.S. Capital gift show.

IV.

I. Reports:

1. Swap Center Update

a. Press Release was drafted by Cathy and Mary for release which was published in the Hartford Courant. Someone from Hartford saw the article and called for more information so that they can begin a Swap Center.

Mary reported a member from Civitan Dane Woodberry and Thom Turner cleaned out the building on August 28. The Shoppe has been very busy for many items coming in and out. Over 550 items this year were picked up. Also, many more visitors have stopped by than in previous years. The Town has installed a new cyclone fence to the rear of the Shoppe. Dane and Thom have installed a rain gutter over the front door way.

b. Staffing – Recycling Committee members staffed 10 of the 33 time periods. Civitan provided 22 managers for 18 periods. The Shoppe was closed 9 Saturdays due to inclement weather, holidays and lack of volunteers. The Swap Center is due to close for the season on October 30.

2. Nike Reuse A Shoe Program

a. Press Release is to be held off until we choose who our recycling award recipient will be.

b. To date there are no changes to the program at this time.

3. Annual Award Discussion

The committee selected two Annual Recycling Award recipients which will be presented on Nov 8 at the BOS meeting. The recipients of the award was moved by Cathy Barnard and seconded by Liz Melvin. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. Old Business:

1. Recycling bins within Town

Lori Fernand spoke with Jerry Toner about recycling bins to be put up around town. He said they are working on getting the bins placed. The Recycling Committee will ask Jerry and Tom Roy to attend to our next meeting.

2. Composting at HJMS

Cathy talked to Erin Murray who said they would discuss the composting program later in the school year. Liz Melvin and Cathy Barnard worked on the “back to school” project where they discovered how much paper waste there was. Cathy contacted Neil Sullivan, Principal of the high school. He would look into the program for next school year. Sue Lemke principal at Henry James knew about the program and would discuss it after

April. Cathy Barnard will contact Steve Twitchell, head custodian at a later date.

VI. New Business:

1. Schools

a. Include Schools under Reports section of agenda

b. Recycling at Simsbury schools:

1. Streamlining waste at Simsbury High School-Report by Cathy Barnard and Liz Melvin

2. Update regarding conversation with Erin Murray-Cathy Barnard

3. Next steps

c. Student Representatives to the Recycling Committee

Lori wants to have student representatives. Lonni reported this is the first year the High School is requiring 5 hours of community service. Lori suggested that we invite up to two students as representatives from the Simsbury High School and from Henry James Middle School to serve as liaisons to the Recycling Committee in an advisory roll for the current school year. The school will decide who will become the liaisons. Mary made the motion and Cathy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Hosting Gifford's Green

Lori recommended that the Recycling Committee host the Gifford's Green Program. It was suggest the program be held at the Library Program Room some time in January. A film on recycling could be shown in the Children's Library while others attend the Gifford's Green Program. Details of the program would be discussed at a future meeting. A suggestion was made to have a representative from CRRRA to lead in this program and/or to include Tom Roy, Jerry Toner and Rich Szawitzke in the program.

3. Website

Cathy made a motion to table the Website item on the agenda to the October 28 meeting which was seconded by Lonni. The motion passed.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm was made Liz and second by Mary. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Mary N. Turner

