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SIMSBURY RECYCLING COMMITTEE Thursday, November 20th, 2008
Call to Order: 7:40 pm Present: Chair Mary Turner, Lori Fernand, Gwen Moraski, Jill Paterson, and Lonni Schultz.

Andrew Rose and Dane Woodberry informed Mary that they could not make the meeting.

Guest: Deputy first Selectman John Hampton

Minutes: Jill Paterson motioned that the October minutes be accepted with the suggested changes. Gwen Moraski seconded that motion and it passed unanimously. Correspondence: Mary Turner sent correspondence to Richard Sawitzke, on behalf of the Committee, thanking him for his correspondence of September 23, 2008.

Recycling News: Lonni Schultz presented a shopping bag made out of recycled materials. Discussion ensued on introducing a similar bag in Simsbury and the potential of eliminating plastic bags in local businesses. Committee Members agreed to talk with selected local merchants about the impact of eliminating plastic bags. Lori Fernand agreed to research the costs of creating a Simsbury bag similar to the model Lonni presented.

Reports:

Swap Center-

The Swap Center is closed for the winter. Visitors to the center this year donated \$35.00, bringing the total donations to \$330.88.

Schools Update--Mary Turner spoke to Sue Pirro, the Administrative Assistant to Assistant Superintendent Erin Murray. Mary will next set up a meeting with Steve Twitchell, the supervisor of buildings and Grounds, to discuss possible recycling efforts, or enhancements of current efforts, and ways to promote recycling activities to the students and faculty. In addition, the committee discussed exploring possible efforts in connection with the Third Grade Recycling Curriculum currently in place.

-The Trash Museum trip for next year is set for May 13th and information has been sent to Diana Hofer, the advisor for the Environmental Club.

-Lori Fernand spoke with Claudia Zeraksi, President of Simsbury High School's Enviro club, about serving as a student liaison to the Committee. Claudia expressed interest in serving in that role. Lori will contact Claudia to invite her and other interested students to the January meeting.

Recycling Award-

The Recycling Awards were presented on November 10th. Jill Paterson

presented a draft press release announcing this year's Recycling Award recipients to be sent to local media.

Nike Reuse-A-Shoe-

Lonni Schultz and Lori are calling schools and local religious organizations requesting information for contact persons and e-mails. Once the calls are completed a letter and flyer will be sent to potential participating organizations. The Committee is requesting that participating organizations send save-the-date flyers to their clients/participants so that people know to hold on to their old sneakers in anticipation of the campaign in May.

Old Business:

Next steps regarding the CRRA letter on compact fluorescent light bulb disposal was discussed. These include:

- Mary Turner will research further CRRA's potential to recycle CFL and other options they are reviewing;

- John Hampton will speak with Mary Turner regarding collaborating with the Capital Region Council Of Governments on this issue;

- The letter is being tabled for the next meeting and the CFL issue will be on the next Recycling Committee agenda to review follow-up action steps.

New Business-

Mary Turner spoke with Rich Sawitzke regarding the suggested use of the cash rewards from the CRRA for recycling. A motion was made by Jill Paterson and seconded by Gwen Moraski to approve the suggested use of the funds with the following change made to item number 2:

"Brochures funding should be directed towards developing a new "Simsbury Bulky Waste and Recycling Center" handout. This new handout will update all recyclable items information, as well as explaining single-stream recycling."

The motion passed unanimously.

It was also agreed that this information should include disposal of CFLs and be used to update the Town website.

Discussion also centered on creating an e-mail hotline for residents to ask questions regarding recycling. This will be tabled for a future meeting. Adjourned 9:30 pm: Gwen Moraski made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jill Paterson and passed unanimously. Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Fernand.

