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SIMSBURY RECYCLING COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL OFFICES--Room 103
THURSDAY, February 23rd, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Minutes

I. Call to order:
Chairman, Lori Fernand called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Present: Lori Fernand, Nancy Thoma, Jim Ray and Mary Turner

II. Introduction of New Members:
Newly appointed members of the Recycling Committee Jim Ray and Nancy Thoma introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Minutes: October 27th, 2011
Lori Fernand moved and Nancy Thoma seconded to approve the minutes.
The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Correspondence:
Lori received Lonni Schulz resignation letter as of December 2011.

A motion to add to the agenda under Old Business - was made by Mary and seconded by Nancy. The motion carried.

V. Recycling News:
Battery Recycling in Simsbury
Welden Hardware started a battery recycling program. The program can be found on SCTV, on line as well as on their web site.

Drug Collection
Drug collection boxes have been really successful. The location of the collection box can be found at the Police Department. An article regarding this program was published in one of our local papers

VI. Reports:
1. Swap Shoppe Opening
Simsbury Swap Shoppe Annual Report for Year 2011
1. Number of items retrieved 936

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| | % change from 2010 | +20% | |
| 2. | Number of visitors | 766 | |
| | % change from 2010 | +35 | |
| 3. | Average number visitors per Saturday | 27 1/3 | |
| 4. | Number of Saturdays open | 28 | |
| 5. | Number of hours open | 115 | |
| 6. | Total Volunteer hours | 115 hours | |
| | Total Volunteer hours by Civitan | 92.5 hrs | 80% |
| 7. | Expenditures: \$20.70 (disposal fee, hardware for flag bracket & sign) | | |
| 8. | Donations received: | | |
| | Swap Shoppe account: \$17.40 for 2011 with a Net Balance of \$361.70 | | |
| | These collected monies are available for the buildings repair and updates as needed. | | |

Lori will place a Press Release in the local papers regarding the opening of the Swap Shoppe this April with a reference to Civitan's participation.

Discussion as to when the Grand Opening would be schedule took place. Possible dates for the opening was May 12 or 19 around 9 or 10 a.m. A decision will be made closer to the opening. Those invited would be the BOS, Civitan, Linda Schofield, Kevin Witkos, Mike Paine, Chief of Police and SCTV.

The Swap Shoppe will open April 14 weather permitting.

2. Nike Reuse a Shoe 2012 Campaign:

Lori gave a brief description of the 8 year program. The Nike Company has decided to go forward with the program as in the past. We will repeat having the collection at the locations in the past such as Eno Memorial Hall, Town Hall, Simsbury Library, Transfer Station, two Battiston locations, Farmington Valley Tennis Center which Lori will take care of and Hopmeadow Nursery School. Lori suggested the YMCA as another location. Nancy will take care of Big Sky and International Skating Center of Connecticut (ISCC). Jim Ray will contact the director of ISCC. The collection period will take place over a period of 3 weeks. Nancy Thoma suggested asking Paine's to lend barrels for collecting the sneakers. Mary agreed to contact Mike Paine regarding the loan of Paine's trash bins. Lori will email the solicitation letter to us. Dates for the collection will be April 23 through May 14.

3. Website Updates

Lori reported some changes were made to the town. Additional links which is in need of repair. The DEP, CRRRA, Paine's, All Waste, Welden Hardware's Battery Program links need to be put up. Lori contact Paine's regarding the bulky waste link.

4. Legislative Updates

H.B. 5118 (Raised) Environment: "An Act Concerning the Reclassification of Trash-To-Energy Facilities as Class I Renewable Energy Sources", to reclassify the electricity generated by trash-to-energy facilities in the state as Class I renewable energy source to reflect the value of such electricity and facilities in competitive energy and waste markets and to dedicate revenues derived from such Class I renewable energy certificates for such facilities to the benefit of member towns.

H.B. 5125 (Raised) Environment: "An Act Increasing Municipal Representation on the Board of Directors for the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority", to increase municipal participation not the CRRA's Board of Directors.

S.B. 211 (Raised) Environment: "An Act Concerning Municipalities and Solid Waste Management", to allow municipalities to regulate solid waste disposal within their borders.

S.B. 89 (Raised) Environment: "An Act Establishing a Mattress Stewardship Program", to establish a mattress stewardship program that will provide for post-consumer collection and recycling of mattresses throughout the state.

5. Recycling Education Campaign

a. Lori will send a Press Release announcing the Battery Recycling Program after speaking with Melissa Brett of Welden Hardware. The Press Release will include pictures which will go out to local papers and the Simsbury Patch. The company, Interstate Battery International Corporation is the largest recycling battery company in the US. Jim recommended creating a specific email address for tracking purposes instead of using a phone number. The press release would go out to all local papers, Simsbury Patch and on ITown of the Hartford Courant on Monday.

b. Composting Forum w/Community Farm

The Simsbury Community Farm is still interested having a composting program. There is an effort to increase composting from 24 percent to 58 percent. We would like to look at their program and see if we want to participate with them. Tim Goodwin, Director at the Farm will need to decide when they wish to have the program. Some time in May no later than June Lori will contact Nevin Christensen of Flemig Farm to have him meet with Tim Goodwin to work on a time line for the program.

c. Post Card to residents

Lori discussed our efforts to send information out to residents. Lori created a draft of a tri-fold brochure that can be mailed out

utilizing recycled paper. She is to email the brochure to the members for our review. Jim offered to contact a person he knows who works at the patch in Windsor who could help us with it and perhaps include black and white pictures along with the write up.

VII. Old Business:

1. Recycling Award Debrief

The Annual Recycling Award presentation last November went well.

2. Meeting Schedule for 2012

Mary moved to approve the 2012 Recycling Committee meeting schedule and Nancy seconded. The motion carried.

3. CRRA contract:

CRRA had a long term contract with the town. There was research done as to what type of contract would be available to the 21 towns and cities. There were a lot of changes in the area requests for quotes from companies that are capable of doing both disposal and recyclables. There were 8 responses. Two companies were chosen with contracts with a variety of different packages. This was a presentation done in December to the BOS. The two companies were Murphy Road and CRRA. Our BOS went with CRRA with a short-term contract of 5 years. Next year we will also keep in place the contract with CRRA to handle the recyclables. Murphy Road had better pricing on recycling. There is to be further research to see what would be the better choice do down the road in November. There is a consultant who will do an overall review. Lori offered to assist Tom Roy in any way.

VIII. New Business None

IX. Adjournment

Nancy moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Mary seconded. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Turner