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Town of Simsbury Recycling Committee
Minutes from March 25, 2010 Meeting

Present: Mary Turner, chairperson; Cathy Barnard; Lori Fernand; Liz Melvin; Gwen Moraski; Andrew Rose; Lonni Schulz; John Hampton, Board of Selectmen Liaison.

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

John Hampton introduced two new members of our committee, Cathy Barnard and Liz Melvin.

Andrew made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2009 meeting. Lori seconded. The minutes were approved.

Andrew made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2009 meeting. Gwen seconded. The minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Lonni's last name.

Recycling News

1. Lonni read a caption below a picture in The Hartford Courant (February 24, 2010) of the Lichtenberger family from Simsbury, honored recently in Disney World in Florida for their volunteer work. According to the caption, "Eric, with wife Colleen and 7-year-old son Ethan...who participate in townwide clean-ups, also were recognized for their community recycling efforts."

2. Lonni presented information from The University of Connecticut Office of Environmental Policy. The topic is "Recyclemania at UConn: Who knew recycling could get so competitive?" The article compares UConn's recycling efforts to those of other colleges and universities. See www.ecohusky.uconn.edu/Recyclemania.html.

Swap Center

1. The Swap Center is scheduled to open on the 3rd Saturday in April, April 17. Mary will be unavailable but her husband, Tom, will be there. There will be a formal opening of the new building with members of town government later. Soon a ramp, electrical lines, and shelves will be

installed.

2. The Civitans are committed to continue helping to staff the Swap Center, where Simsbury residents may drop off and pick up items for free.

3. The Town of Simsbury has an agreement with Paine's Inc at the Transfer Station to drop off a dumptruck's worth of trash once a month. Any items collected at the Swap Center that are not picked up in a reasonable amount of time can be disposed of by adding them to this dumptruck's worth of trash at no cost to the Swap Center.

4. What publicity is there for the Swap Center? Information is on the town website and shown occasionally on SCTV. There are brochures available at Town Hall and the library with information about the Swap Center. Now that the Swap Center is physically located before the entrance to the Transfer Station, it will be more visible. New signs at the new location will also make the Swap Center more visible. Cathy volunteered to write a press release to be released through Sue Mazurski's office about the new Swap Center.

5. When the Swap Center first opened in 2001, there was a grand opening ceremony on a weekend. All the selectmen attended. We anticipate a similar event this spring to recognize and showcase the new building. Mary will coordinate with Mary Glassman's office.

6. Can the Swap Center have a Facebook page? Mary will check with Mary Glassman.

7. The Town of Simsbury will hold a volunteer expo Wednesday evening, April 28 at Eno Hall. According to John Hampton, the Recycling Committee can reserve a table and recruit people to staff the Swap Center at this event.

Nike Reuse-a-Shoe Program

1. Lonni presented a draft of the letter to be sent to Simsbury public schools and community businesses inviting them to participate in the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe collection again this year. It was decided to hold the collection over a 3-week period ending at Memorial Day. However, Mary circulated a copy of an email message she had received from Evelyn Golden, coordinator of the state of CT shoe collection, updating us that Nike requires that all collections be complete this year by May 15 with all shoes delivered to Willimantic Waste by May 20, 2010, one month earlier than in past years. With this new information in mind, we agreed to move the collection of shoes earlier to the 3-week period beginning just after Spring Break, April 26 - May 14, 2010.

2. As in past years, we will have collection boxes at all the public schools, Town Hall, the library, and several local businesses. Committee members offered to contact the following to enlist their participation this year:

Cathy: PT0s (7);

Lori: Town Hall, Battiston's dry cleaners (2 locations), library;

Liz: Gymnastics Training Center, Big Sky fitness center, Simsmore Tennis Center, Farmington Valley Racquet Club.

3. Lori will draft and send a press release to Simsbury Life, 3 weekly newspapers that deliver in Simsbury, SCTV, and the Town of Simsbury Listserv.

4. Andrew will ask at Holloway's for the use of empty boxes to be decorated and delivered for the shoe collection sites. Can we enlist the Junior Civitans to decorate them?

5. Lonni will follow up the email message from Evelyn to confirm that our collection does indeed need to be completed earlier. She will distribute the letter to all committee members this evening with the correction of the collection dates.

Old Business

Request from Saint Mary's School for the Recycling Committee to fund a class trip to the Trash Museum:

1. According to Kevin Kane and Rich Sawitzke, there is \$500 in the Town budget for the Recycling Committee. Rich Sawitzke will ask if Salter's bus company will donate the bus for this trip.

2. Saint Mary's School is a "resident" of the town and therefore it is reasonable to provide funds to them for this activity, as long as they were offered to the public schools as well. In the past the public schools have not taken us up on the offer to fund this trip, or fewer students than we would have liked have gone on the trip. Mary will speak with Mary Glassman and the town attorney to confirm that this is an appropriate use of funds.

3. Should we offer this trip through the Parks & Recreation Department next year during Spring Break to increase the number of students who have access to it? This is a possibility for next year, 2011.

4. Cathy made a motion to fund this trip from Saint Mary's School for \$270. Gwen Seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

1. Liz made a motion to change the April meeting date from April 22 to April 15, 2010 because April 22 falls during Simsbury's spring break and some members will not be able to attend. Cathy seconded. The motion passed.

2. Andrew raised two misconceptions that he has heard recently:

a. Members of the Simsbury Junior Women's Club are under the impression that AllWaste recycles all plastics #1-7. This may not be true. AllWaste may be collecting all plastics but only recycling some of them.

b. When he presented white paper, a soda can and cardboard for recycling at a local business, he was told that the business can accept only the white paper.

3. Mike Paine was interviewed for a 30-minute program on SCTV concerning single stream recycling. Lonni saw it late one night within the past week.

Liz made a motion to adjourn and Andrew seconded the motion. Mary adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 7:30 pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonni Schulz