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SIMSBURY RECYCLING COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL OFFICES – Room 103
THURSDAY, April 28, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

I. Call to order: Lori Fernand, chair called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

Present: Chair, Lori Fernand, Cathy Barnard, Joyce Banks, Gwen Moraski, Liz Melvin, Mary Turner and School Liaison Ana Jahrstorfer. Absent: Lonni Schulz.

II. Minutes from the March 24, 2011 meeting were moved by Cathy Barnard and seconded by Joyce Banks with corrections.

III. Correspondence:
Mary received an email from a writer of the Simsbury Patch who wish to add the Swap Shoppe information on the Patch. It was up within hours.

IV. Recycling news:

- Farmington has launched their single-stream effort.
- Tom Roy, Public Works Director informed the committee that CRRRA and Solid Waste Management contracts were coming due.
- Joyce presented an article from AARP magazine which reports the high cost of going green.
- Joyce shared an article from the March edition of PDR titled Eye on the Environment. The article covered paint retailers need to stay alert to the ever-changing environmental landscape.

V. Reports:

1. Swap Shoppe:
Press release would be sent to local papers notifying the opening of the Swap Shoppe. At this time the grand opening will be postponed until paving has been completed.

2. Nike Reuse A Shoe Program:
Letters are scheduled to go out Friday April 29. To-date Battiston's, Big Sky, FV Racket Club, Simsmore Tennis Center, Town Hall,

Eno, Simsbury Library and the Transfer Station are places to drop off sneakers. Pick up will take place beginning Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 20. Henry James will participate as well as the Hopmeadow Nursery School. A discussion took place of what type of containers would be used to hold the sneakers that would be more eye appealing.

3. School Update:

Ana reported some ink cartridges are being collected. She is to meet with Ms. Lemke to discuss where the monies collected will be dedicated to. A suggestion was made to have a contest. Posters will be made. "Cartridges for Kids" will send them the shipping labels.

4. Web site:

Lori reported some headings will remain the same. It was determined that member's emails should not be shown. On the right side of the page there will be a column with external links. Basic info will be on the left as links detailing further information such as articles.

5. Legislative Updates:

Both bills regarding mercury held thermostat SB205 and SB828 paint stewardship passed unanimously

VI. Old Business:

Lori reported the CRRRA contract would be added to the agenda as an ongoing item.

1. How to improve recycling in our municipal building. - Notice of recycling information could be included with the staff paycheck. An informational session at Town Hall and other town buildings may be held. A motion was made to distribute recycling information to all employees as an educational campaign. Cathy moved the motion and it was seconded by Joyce. The motion carried. Further discussion of notice would be added to May's agenda.

2. Recycling Forum Video Clips - A motion was made, seconded passed to table this item at this time.

3. Demonstrations of Recycling Best Practices at Grocery Stores - Lori talked to DEP and CRRRA representatives who stated once we selected the volunteers and the voluntary grocery stores we would have CRRRA perform the training. DEP is to search for applications for recyclables

4. Informational Post Card - Lori spoke with Sara Nielsen of Main Street Partnership. They may have a graphic designer might be willing to have an insert in their mailings. We would add the Swap Shoppe, single-stream info, consignment shops in town, etc. Post card needs to be done by

next meeting. Lori will look into the cost

5. Exploration of Composting Program with the Community Farm - The Farm Director reported the program could not be done at this time.

VII. New Business:

Lori asked for a motion to table all new business items. Liz moved and Gwen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn at 9 pm was made by Gwen and seconded by Joyce. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Turner, Secretary