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Recycling Committee Minutes

June 17, 2010 7:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:38 by Mary Turner. In attendance: Mary Turner; Gwen Moraski; Joyce Banks; Lori Fernand; Liz Melvin; Lonni Schulz and Cathy Barnard.

Mary Turner introduced the newest member of the committee Joyce Banks.

Minutes were reviewed and revised. A motion that the revised minutes to be accepted was made by Liz Melvin and seconded by Lonni Schulz. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer elections:

- Mary Turner explained the two officer positions that were up for renewal. Chair and Secretary/Vice-chair followed by asking for nominations for the chair positions. The term of office runs from July 1st and last two years.
- Mary Turner's nomination for Chair was made by Gwen Moraski and seconded by Joyce Banks. Lori Fernand's nomination for Chair was made by Lonni Schulz and seconded by Liz Melvin. A vote was held with Lori Fernand receiving 4 out of 7 votes.
- Mary Turner then asked for nominations for the Secretary/Vice President position. Mary Turner was nominated by Gwen Moraski and seconded by Cathy Barnard and received 7 out of 7 votes.
- Beginning July 1, 2010, the Recycling Committee Chair will be Lori Fernand and the Secretary/Vice Chair will be Mary Turner.
- The Committee then thanked Gwen Moraski for taking time out from her daughter's sports banquet to make sure that all Committee members were present for the election of officers. She then left to return to the banquet.

Revised agenda: Mary Turner asked and received a motion to revise the meeting agenda to include a report on the schools.

Recycling News:

- Lonni Schulz modeled a shirt made from recycled plastic sold by H&M Stores. It is from their "garden collection".
- Lonni Schulz also reported on:
 - o an article appearing in the June 3, 2010 edition of the Hartford Courant. According to the article, Bristol received a ninety thousand (\$90,000) grant to help purchase single stream recycling containers for Plainville.
 - o A new website, www.swapmesports.com, that offers people a chance to

swap sporting goods.

- Cathy Barnard and Mary Turner both reported on a story appearing in the Simsbury News on a bill sponsored by Linda Scholfield (Simsbury's State Representative) and Beth Bye to expand recycling laws in Connecticut to make it easier for people to recycle. It also requires that cities and towns provide recycling bins in public places where there are already trash bins in place for public use.

Possible CRRRA Field Trips: Mary Turner asked Cathy Barnard to look into the possibility of running field trips to the CRRRA on days when the public schools close early.

Swap Shoppe Promotion:

- Mary Turner reported that she is in the process of revising the Swap Shoppe's tri-fold brochure and that she will forward the revised edition to all committee members when it is completed.
- A discussion was had about how to best publicize the Swap Shoppe to the people of Simsbury. It was decided that magnets might be an effective way to advertise it without creating a lot of paper waste. Liz Melvin volunteered to look into the costs involved with creating business card sized magnets.

Swap Shoppe Update:

- Mary Turner reported that during the heavy rain last weekend, the Swap Shoppe had to be closed due to the fact that the water was pouring down the sides of the buildings. She is in contact with the Town of Simsbury about putting gutters on the building.
- She is also in contact with them about making improvements to the ramps leading into the building, the fencing, marking the low doorway to prevent injury and paving the parking area.
- She also has created an 'exit only' side for the side door.

Nike Reuse-A-Shoe:

- Jan Manchester reported bringing 250 pairs to the trailer
- Lori Fernand reported collecting 300 pair from Town Hall and Battison Cleaners
- Total number of pairs collected: 1050
- Lori Fernand will put out a press release to let people know how many pairs were collected and thanking the local businesses who participated.

Annual Recycling Award: Mary Turner passed out a list of previous winners. Discussion about who should win the 2010 award will begin in September.

Old Business:

- Mary Turner provided an update into the Committee's idea about purchasing recycling bins to be placed around town. With the passing of the new recycling legislation, these bins will have to be provided by the Town of Simsbury. Gerry Toner (head of Parks & Rec) and Michael Paine are discussing the best way to implement this new law.
- A major concern expressed by both men was the amount of traditional garbage that gets put into recycling receptacles. They are working on

finding the most efficient way to handle this problem and will the Committee advised of their decisions. At this time, no other action by the Committee is needed.

New Business:

- A discussion took place over Henry James Memorial School's plan to start a school run garden.
 - o Mary Turner suggested that they look to the Town Farm, Flamig Farm and the Simsbury Garden Club for guidance.
 - o She also suggested the use of pallets (available at Valley Home and Garden for free) to build a compost container and then provided the Committee some background in exactly how to create an effective compost heap.
 - o Joyce Banks suggested that they look into how the White House implemented their school run garden.
 - o Cathy Barnard volunteered to submit all the above ideas to the Administration of HJMS for their review.
- Lori Fernand mentioned the upcoming Hazardous Waste Collection on August 14, 2010. A brief discussion was held and it was decided that the Committee would list the event on its website.

Liz Melvin made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Lori Fernand.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Barnard, temporary Secretary.