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RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Minutes - November 18, 2010
Town Hall offices

I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

Present: Chair - Lori Fernand, Joyce Banks, Cathy Barnard, Liz Melvin, Gwen Moraski, Lonni Schulz and Mary Turner, Student Liaisons: Shivani Mandavilli

II. Lori welcomed and introduced the Student Representatives, Shivani Mandavilli

III. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Cathy to approve the October 28 minutes and seconded by Joyce. The motion passed with 2 abstentions.

IV. Correspondence: Lori received a letter from Mary Glassman thanking us for the presentation of the Recycling Award.

V. Recycling News:

- Signals catalog had 2 pages of items all made out of recycled material
- Kohl's sells mats which are made of 96% recycled rubber.
- Uconn started to reduce utilizing plastic and Styrofoam containers. They are selling square containers where you get food on it and return it when you are finished.
- The May issue of the Hartford magazine published an article about recycling and how Connecticut stacks up to Nova Scotia and San Francisco.
- Nutmeg article on recycling

VI. Reports:

1. Swap Center

1. As of the close of business at the Swap Shoppe on Saturday October 30 we have found new homes for a minimum of 783 items, and probably at least 900 if all were individually counted, during the 2010 season, an increase of 98% over 2008, our last full year.

2. We had 568 visitors to the Shoppe during this 1st year in our new building and new location, a 70% increase over 2008.

3. An interesting situation occurred on Saturday October 9 when the Shoppe was closed due to illness and absence of volunteers. A resident borrowed the Shoppe keys from the Transfer Station gate house, retrieved 3 items, signed out for them, locked up the Shoppe and then returned the keys to the gate house! Then, two weeks ago, I asked my husband to organize the Magazine Swap at the library while he was there on an errand. While doing so a woman approached him to say she felt that the Magazine Swap was a great idea. Thom then explained that it was a project of the Recycling Committee along with the Swap Shoppe at the Transfer Station. The woman said she had been there and that it was an even greater idea.

4. When this year's donations to the Swap Shoppe were counted out by Town Finance Director Kevin Kane on November 12 and added to the existing balance we had approximately \$376 in our account. The only expenditure occurring this year was for a gutter installed over the Shoppe main doorway.

Suggestion was made by Liz for ad magnets about the Swap Shoppe indicating where and when it is active. She will look into the cost and amount to help promote the center. A motion by Cathy to order magnets to not exceed \$200. Joyce seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

2. Nike Reuse A Shoe Program

a. Available Updates -

No new updates at this time. If we wish we can add our email address to their site. Lonni heard of an organization who refurbishes sneakers for future use. Lonni will look into what company does this service.

3. Annual Award Discussion

a. Debrief on presentation

Cathy took pictures and Lori will write up an article which would be sent to the Simsbury News and to the Board of Selectmen. Further discussion regarding the photographs and the article took place.

4. Schools

a. Updates -

No new updates.

VII. Old Business:

1. Hosting Gifford's Green in January 20, 2011

Rich Sawitzke will give TOS update (Tom Roy and Gerry Toner may attend)

DEP Diane Duva in a PowerPoint display will give a State update on initiatives and goals.

Representative from CRRRA Sotoria Montanari will do a presentation
Invitation to Paine, Inc. and All Waste, Inc. to attend and perhaps

be available for Q/A

The event to begin at 6:30 to 8 p.m. with Q/A beginning at 7 p.m.

Speakers to take 15 to 29 minutes to present

Include a list of second hand shops

Invite the Environmental Club to establish display table

Invite a representative from the library book sale

Snacks available

Expected attendance 50

Use a sandwich board for the ad, face book, etc.

SCTV to tape the program

Press release will go out as well as other ads

Snow date is scheduled for January 27th (to be confirmed)

Gwen Moraski's daughter will help with volunteering in the children's room and set up elementary school-age children in attendance.

Lori will check to see if there are any conflicts

VIII New Business

1. Website

No updates.

IX. Adjournment: Liz moved and Gwen seconded to adjourn at 8: 50 p.m. which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary N. Turner