

RECYCLING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES- Meeting Date 11th March 2015

PRESENT: Craig Flaherty (Chair), Terry Gaffney, Carolyn Bayne, Dan Dolcetti, Wendy Ward, Christine Lajaunie, Finley Whitmore. Guests: Sally Ijams- Darien Library; Ed Gentile, Director DPW

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: January meeting- minutes having been distributed, a motion was made to approve as written; seconded, and approved unanimously. February meeting- minutes having been distributed, discussion to amend section on paint handling; once amended, a motion made to approve as amended; seconded, and approved unanimously.

MARKETING PLAN, OUTREACH, and EDUCATION

ALL THINGS GREEN- festival at Darien Library planned for Sunday April 19th 2:00- 4:00 PM will include:

- 'Green Tour' highlighting the 'Green' aspects of the library building
- Publicity coordinated by Mallory Arents
- Mallory reaching out to all 'Green Team' to set up information tables- set up 12:30; to be staffed
- Scavenger Hunt with tickets to be validated at each location
- debut of 'Darien Book Bike'
- Trash Tour
- Sunflower planting- seeds to be planted along fence by Police Station
- Poster Contest in conjunction with DCC to be displayed
- SSR Basketball hoops game for kids
- Raffle- composter is prize (underwritten by Darien Nature Center)
- School publicity being channeled by Wendy Ward
- Confirmation on City Carting's participation still outstanding
- RCAC Table- need stickers and 100 trifolds, map, flier to be supplied from inventory at DPW
- Follow up required for Proclamation from First Selectman
- City Carting- DPW employees willing to volunteer time to staff table in conjunction with City Carting

COMPOSTING- pilot programs exist in several locations in CT. as do several large cities (Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Toronto et at). Issues include sanitation, animal control, what is and is not compostable. As there are so many issues involved, conversation tabled until next meeting when members are encouraged to bring concepts for discussion.

DISPLAY CASE- Poster- 3 posters in DPW for use in display case and at 'All Things Green' day.

PERMIT- Trifold information to be updated for inclusion with upcoming Permit application mailing.

RECYCLING IN SCHOOLS & PUBLIC BUILDINGS-

- **CAR IDLING** is an issue as parents waiting to pick up children frequently leave car engine running. Posters publicizing State Law that car-idling is limited to no more than three (3) minutes to be started at Middlesex and Tokeneke.
- MMS- discussion underway with PTO
- DHS
 - o Environmentalist from India will be presented via Skype

- Recycling Basketball game to be presented in classrooms as a fun educational game
- Green Roof to be featured with new plantings
- Custodian Joe has been most helpful in project on how to best educate the children and faculty on how recycling can and should work within the school. Concept is to set up a table 2-to-3 days a week in the cafeteria to do so.

RECYCLING CENTER

MATTRESSES- Mattress Recycling Council application submitted and approved. Council will send a representative to educate staff on procedures on how to handle mattress acceptance, with particular emphasis on bed bug infestation. Pick up will be handled by Winter Brothers and taken to a recycling center in Bridgeport.

PAINT- DPW registered with Paintcare, who will be sending a representative down to educate staff on procedures. Container size is 3' x 3' x 3'. Target date for introduction is May 01st. A specific list of products will be provided by Paintcare.

DPW is currently examining location for containers for both mattresses and paint.

SWAP SHOP

- Two O'Clock closing time has been an effective method of handling end-of-day staffing issues. Real test will come in spring time when warmer weather typically draws bigger crowds.
- Parking- still studying best approach to set up safe entrance/egress and parking concepts

SIGNAGE

- **Mattress** handling put on hold until issue is clarified;
- **Paint-** paint has been dropped off, so 'No Paint accepted' to be added to sign

TEXTILES- verbiage reviewed and corrected as discussed

RECYCLING IN BUSINESS/INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS-

- City Carting services majority of businesses in town (Suburban Carting and A&D have commercial pickup business as well).
 - Wendy Ward to contact Chris Oxe at City Carting and all other town haulers to discover their existing commercial base and any plan they have to expand into this area.
- Wendy to reach out to Darien Chamber of Commerce (DCC) as well
- David Genovese to be contacted as well
- Goal is to have active proposal for Business enterprises launched by Earth Day in April

Motion made to adjourn at 12:50; seconded and approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: April 08th 12:00 Noon, Room 206