

RECYLCING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES- Meeting Date 12th Aug 2015 (Draft Copy)

PRESENT: Craig Flaherty (Chair), Terry Gaffney, Carolyn Bayne, Allison Stolar. Guests: Jayme Stevenson- First Selectman; Sally Ijams- Darien Library; Susan Cameron- Green Team; Ed Gentile- DPW; Kathy Dobbins- Swap Shop Volunteer; Dot Kelly

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: A quorum present and Minutes from the May meeting having been previously distributed, a motion was made to approve the Minutes as written. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Eversource's 'Clean Energy Communities Initiative'- First Selectman Jayme Stevenson gave a synopsis of this program geared to reduce energy consumption in town. Comprehensive in nature encompassing residencies, businesses, Town facilities, infrastructure usage. More Information: <http://www.energizect.com/communities/>
Grant funds are available to the Town for participation, and Town has already accumulated enough points for a \$10K 'Bright Ideas' grant. To qualify, the Town must form an energy task force. She asked members of this Committee to consider viability of incorporating this project within the parameters of our charge; if so, we would have to formally apply to Board of Selectman for approval. Should the Committee choose not to add this onto our docket, she asked individual members to consider volunteering for a separate Energy Task Force as she felt the members of this Committee would likely be ideal candidate and could leverage much of the work we are involved with now. Among the tasks for this group would be:

- 1- OFFICIAL CONDUIT WITH EVERSOURCE
- 2- DEVELOP A MUNICIPAL ACTION PLAN
- 3- BENCHMARKING ALL BUILDINGS using 2010 or any subsequent year as benchmark
 - a. Goal is a 20% energy reduction
- 4- PUBLIC INFORMATION INITIATIVE
- 5- SCHOOLS- approach Sup't to get together with Ed Gentile & Mike Lynch
- 6- LIGHTING- LED should be installed in all
- 7- TOWN GARAGE, POLICE STATION, FIRE STATIONS
- 8- DARIEN BOAT CLUB
- 9- SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY
- 10- TOWN BEACHES
- 11- LIBRARY
- 12- STREET LIGHTING

Noted Solar panel utilization and potential assistance from State

Noted Churches may be first private sector to approach

Committee will explore at next meeting merits of taking this on as part and parcel of this Committee's provenance, with a consideration of other town residents and stakeholders who could/should be involved.

PAINT

9 full pallets ready to be picked up. This would have gone through Hazardous Waste Disposal Program at significant cost had this initiative not been implemented.

MATTRESSES

5 containers (10 cubic yard capacity) of mattresses removed, all which would have been in the MSW stream had this program not been implemented.

Trend line information distributed (see Addendum)

SWAP SHOP

SIGNAGE-- Books- non-useable books- Encyclopediae, Moldy Books, Out of Date textbooks
Consider vinyl poster as a cost-effective stop gap measure

CODE OF CONDUCT

- One person's behavior is having a negative impact- taking all metal for scrap and has aggressively taken items from the possession of others
- Consider a letter from DPW admonishing individual to refrain from behavior that is disturbing to others
- One question would be to discover if certain behavior violates the 'No Scavenging' dictum of the Recycling Center

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RECYCLING IN SCHOOLS

- Question raised about need for new signage for School year
- Allison to assess one school's retention of last year's supply before noting need for new printing. Question is who will print/pay- Library, DPW, B. of E.?
- Need for decals for cans?

NEXT MEETING: Sep 09th 12:00 Noon, Room 206