

RECYCLING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES- Meeting Date 12 February 2014 (Approved Copy)

PRESENT: Craig Flaherty (Chair), Dot Kelly, Allison Stolar, Wendy Ward, Finley Wetmore, Chris Oxer.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Move to approve as written put forth, seconded, and passed unanimously. Note made that submittal of draft copy of all future meetings' minutes are to be submitted to Town Clerk within 7 days of each meeting.

2014 BUDGETARY REQUESTS – submitted to DPW, however Craig was informed by Karl Kilduff that our budget should go to the Selectmen directly. Craig will see Jamie Stevenson. Requests included:

- PRINTING- \$8,000 (10K copies of brochures, inserts, stickers and maps)
- GRAPHIC DESIGN- \$500
- SIGNAGE- \$3,000

RECYCLING DATA-

- Craig handed out one chart and two graphs that simplify the comparison between MSW and recycled material collected at the Recycling Center. From the numbers collected by DPW, the committee approved unanimously Craig's grouping. MSW compared to Recyclables (which consists of Scrap Metal, Single Stream, Storage Batteries (car/lead acid), E-waste, Oversize plastics, Dry Cell Alkaline Batteries, Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Textiles (USAgain)). The material collected at the Recycling Center which will not be included in recyclables include yard waste (leaves, brush, logs and stumps, woodchips) C&D (sheetrock, tile, etc.) and items that are not weighed in pounds (CFCs, Tires, Waste oil).

PRESS- Craig is going to talk with Carolyn about ideas and her willingness to try to get a monthly article or letter to the editor in the press. A discussion of the email back and forth on the potential press for the video from Computers for Guatemala showing the lovely reuse of stuffed animals and toys from the Swap shop in Guatemala was held.

RECYCLING IN SCHOOLS

DHS- Finley Wetmore will talk with Pete Capparelli about contacting City Carting directly about the days that work well for collection at the High School. Finley applied for and was awarded a Whole Foods Kids Foundation grant for \$2000 for improving the green roof above the cafeteria. They will be planting native flowers and making pathways. She needs Board of Ed acceptance of the grant as a gift as the next step. She'll contact Heather Shea. Composting is happening at the high school.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS-

- It makes sense that the teachers will be determining the way in which recycling works in each of their classrooms. We will plan to have graphics for the recycle bin as a pdf, which could be printed and affixed above the containers or the teachers may want to use the single stream stickers we are proposing in our budget. Carolyn Bayne reported by email that the DEG website is getting an upgrade.

All Schools 'Make it fun'- Consider incentivizing Green Committee in each school through competition etc. The Keep America Beautiful recycling contest which Stamford has won in the state for a few years is on the radar to suggest competing in 2014. (Thanks Craig for the heads up).

RECYCLING IN BUSINESS/INSTITUTIONAL BUILDINGS-

- Wendy reached out to Darien Chamber of Commerce (DCC), Carol Wilder-Tamme, and we learned how we can integrate with the Go GREEN Initiative that the Chamber has done for a few years. More info to come.
- David Genovese to be contacted as well

- Goal is to have active proposal for Business enterprises launched by Earth Day in April
- Dot reported that Sally Ijams at the Library is looking to include recycling and the communicating the green elements of the library into this year's effort as it is the 5 year anniversary of the new library. Finley and Sally will connect.

SWAP SHOP -Dan Dolcetti is liaison for volunteers at Swap Shop. Allison described the good work being done by the volunteers. There is some education opportunity to stop some of the improper materials being dropped off (like TVs) which belong taken to the electronics container by the hopper. In general, the wild success of the swap shop makes the parking issue a key safety issue to improve.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2014: will all be in Room 206 on Wednesday, 12th of March at 12:00 Noon.

No other business being presented, a motion made to adjourn at 12:50; seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted (but not as good as Terry's minutes),
Dot Kelly