

TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING
January 13, 2021
7:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM

Commissioners in Attendance: Scott Howland
SuLin Carbonelli
Bob Mark
Gary Drucker
Amy Ruhlman

Others in Attendance: Paula Ginter (Commission Clerk)
Joe DeRisi (Recycling Coordinator)
Alice Kosowsky (Visitor -Potential New Member)

1. Call to Instruction

Mr. Howland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Attendance was taken and noted above. Mr. Howland introduced Alice Kosowsky as a guest and potential new member. Several commission members welcomed Ms. Kosowsky.

3. Minutes from December 9, 2020 were unanimously approved. Mr. Mark motioned to approve and Ms. Carbonelli seconded the motion.

4. Communications

Mr. Howland presented an overview of emails shared by the commission members during the month.

5. Recycling Coordinator's Report

Simple Recycling has postponed service until further notice. Due to the pandemic the warehouses are closed. There has been a press release done notifying residents about this. Mr. DeRisi has put a link on Hamden's website to Yale's Housing donation guide. This gives residents a list of donation sites as an alternative.

Mr. DeRisi has joined numerous meetings presented by The Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management.

Hazwaste dates for 2021 are May 22nd and September 11th. There will be a need for 2 volunteers to serve as greeters at the entrance gate for each date.

Earth Day is going to be celebrated on Saturday April 24, 2021. Part of the celebration will be a pickup of pre ordered yard composters. Mr. DeRisi is currently planning the pre-sale of the

composters. The cost to town residents will be \$55.00 for a savings of \$45.00. This is one step that can help in the town's effort to reduce the tipping fees for the municipal solid waste. The parking lot at the Hamden Middle School was discussed as a possible pickup location for the composters. Mr. DeRisi is also working on additional composting and recycling information to be placed on a new proposed website.

Public works is in the process of making arrangements to have a container at the Hamden Transfer Station for food waste. All American Waste will periodically pick up the container and bring it to Quantum Biopower in Newington to convert food waste to compost. This is another effort by the town to help with savings of tipping fees.

Mr. DeRisi has reached out to Ms. Schomaker to find out more information about Sustainable CT and seeing what steps Hamden needs to take to get certified. There is much work ahead in this effort.

Mr. DeRisi discussed the need to have a process for recycling the toner cartridges currently in the mayor's office. He is going to work on a memo to distribute to all individual town offices on how to properly dispose of these in the future, whether it be to return for credit or recycle.

6. Old Business

There was none

7. New Business

There was none

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. Mr. Drucker motioned to approve and Ms. Ruhlman seconded the motion.

Submitted By _____
Paula Ginter Commission Clerk