

**TOWN OF HAMDEN**  
**SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 10, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Scott Howland  
SuLin Carbonelli  
Alice Kosowsky

**Others in Attendance:** Paula Ginter (Commission Clerk)  
Joe DeRisi (Recycling Coordinator)

There was an informal discussion amongst the attending members and Recycling Coordinator since we did not have a quorum.

Ms. Alice Kosowsky was appointed to the Solid Waste and Recycling Commission.

Ms. Kosowsky attended a webinar 'Food Life Cycle: Effectiveness of Food Scrap Recycling Mandates and Landfill Bans.

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

Mr. DeRisi discussed updates on projects he is currently working on.

Simply Recycling is still on hold for picking up textiles. Mr. DeRisi announced that Laurel Oak Adventist School on West Shephard Avenue has a recycling shed for dropping off textiles and related items.

Mr. DeRisi attended the Connecticut Coalition of Sustainable Materials Management meeting. Hamden is currently not a member of the Coalition, but Mr. DeRisi is inquiring about joining.

Mr. DeRisi has completed the press release for the sale of the composters and rain barrels. This is going to be part of the upcoming Earth Day celebration on April 24, 2021. Information on how to order these items can be found on the Town of Hamden website.

Public Works is in the process of obtaining an organics collection container to place at the transfer station. All American Waste has agreed to waive the container fee and transportation of the waste for six months.

Mr. DeRisi contacted Mr. Lavorgna, Recreation Supervisor and Park Ranger, about the possibility of using compost from Bear Path School pilot program for their garden.

Mr. DeRisi is preparing a grant for The Environmental Professional Organization of Connecticut. The purpose of the grant is to implement and hold an educational program about food waste recovery program.

The sale of composters and rain barrels is going to begin soon. Individuals can find a link on the Town of Hamden's website and place an order for one. Pickup of the composters will be on Saturday April 24, 2020. Mr. DeRisi is also planning on consolidating all environmental related information on the same page of the Town of Hamden's website.

**Submitted By** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Paula Ginter Commission Clerk**