

TOWN OF HAMDEN
SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMMISSION MEETING
October 14, 2020
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)

1. Call to Instruction

Mr. Howland called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

2. Attendance was taken and noted above, absent was B.Sikorski

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

4. Communications

Mr. Drucker shared an article about California being the first state to require beverage containers to use a set amount of recycled plastic.

5. Recycling Coordinator's Report

Mr. DeRisi talked about the lack of notification to the town residents that there would be no bulk trash pick up for October. Residents have been calling Mr. DeRisi's office asking how they can dispose of their items, especially seniors. The transfer station will be open limited dates in November and December.

Mr. DeRisi offered to host a tour of the transfer station to the Solid Waste and Recycling and Clean and Green Commission. He thought that it would be an opportunity to point out some possible cost saving steps that could be made.

Mr. DeRisi spoke with Ms. Pam Roach regarding a pilot composting food scrap program that West Haven is doing at their leaf composting station. He is going to inquire about more information to see if it would be an option for Hamden.

Mr. Cesare has asked Mr. DeRisi to investigate grants to buy a few pieces of equipment for use at the Transfer Station. Mr. DeRisi is waiting for passwords to get into sites that relate to the grants.

There is a Simple Recycling container at the Transfer Station for residents to drop off their pink bags.

Currently the backlog of repairs needed for trash containers have been caught up.

Mr. Howland shared that Quinnipiac's Big Volunteer Day is scheduled for April 10, 2021. Mr. Drucker suggested we use the volunteers to help with a bulk trash pickup day.

There were a few ideas talked about for Earth Day 2021, possibly virtual.

Mr. DeRisi has done a number of webinars on Waste Management and commission members are interested in the link to the webinars.

Mr. Mark asked Mr. DeRisi if he could reach out the Ms. Cheryl Baldwin to see if there was any grant money available to purchase composters. The idea is that the composters could be sold to town residents as a drive thru pickup for Earth Day.

6. Old Business

There was none

7. New Business

There was none

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59p.m. Mr. Drucker motioned to approve and Mr. Mark seconded the motion.

Submitted By _____

Paula Ginter Commission Clerk