

RECYCLING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES- Meeting Date 09 Jul 2014

PRESENT: Craig Flaherty (Chair), Dot Kelly, Wendy Ward, Terry Gaffney, Allison Stolar, Carolyn Bayne.
Also present: Michael Lynch- Darien Board of Education- Director of Operations; Ed Gentile- DPW Director

PUBLIC SCHOOL UPDATE

- 96 gallon blue outdoor Totes ordered through City Carting to be billed to Town at CC cost basis
- Custodial staff to meet with Mike Lynch and Rodney before school year starts to assess recycling
- Spanish translation of custodial instructions to be made available through Terry Gaffney
 - T Gaffney to supply cc of Library's English/Spanish instructions to mlynch@darienps.org
- Allison dropped off Recycling Stickers for school use week of July 1st for use on interior receptacles
 - Stickers to be applied by summer staff (college students)
- Allison dropped off principal's info letters this past week as well. Royle has no principal at the moment DHS/MMS Principals to 'fill in' until new principal is appointed.
- In class power-point presentation to be assembled by Allison
- Size of Current School Conditions and Recommendation electronic file is too large to be sent via e-mail in its current format.
 - Craig Flaherty to work with Allison on reformatting
- 'In class recycling sheet' has been approved, but as there is no money in budget to run an appropriate number of color copies.
 - Dot Kelly to discuss opportunity for library to participate in printing
- 'Classroom Single Stream' Sign
 - quote needed for a quality to be posted on a wall that will be able to last a full year
 - second quote needed for a quality for a hand-out flier quality
- 'Royle Goes Green' has a 'trash-free lunch' flier that may or may not be two-sided

BUDGET

- Committee was unaware that funding provided under last year's budget that had not been spent by June 30 2014 would revert to Town's account and is no longer accessible.
- New budget requests must be filed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

TOWN HALL

- There is no dedicated recycling dumpster at Town Hall; custodial staff currently transports recyclables to Recycling Center via pick up truck
- Recycling Bins- ten 23-gallon bins for offices are needed
 - ? Where will the funding come from?
 - Must pass muster of internal architectural review board before placement

RECYCLING CENTER

- Recycling Dumpsters were filled to capacity this past Monday (Jul 07th) at 07:15AM.
- There was an inordinately large amount of recycling material in the MSW compactor.
 - Conjecture is that a hauler may have dumped a recycling load or a mixed-load in MSW
- ?- Question raised about security of information on computer hard drives placed in recycling
 - Wendy Ward to research question

RECYCLING CENTER RESIDENTIAL FEE STRUCTURE

- This year's increase in rate was Town's first in 12 years; only one complaint has come in.
 - Seniors now get first sticker at no charge with a second sticker available for purchase at \$40.
 - Resident with hauler pays \$40 for first pass, second pass is free
 - One senior noted displeasure over this fee basis

TEXTILES

- Bin openings not large enough to accommodate golf bags, draperies etc.
 - Wendy Ward to ask USAgain if there is a way to accommodate larger items
- Question raised on how we can educate public on expansive inclusion of textile items

RECYCLING DECALS

- 1,500 now available
- There was a miscommunication with supplier on format as decals came in on a single roll which had to be hand-cut into individual decals (labor supplied gratis by Redniss-Mead).
 - Issue about 'ease-of-peel' of sticker from back to be addressed on subsequent reprints
- Distribution to be made to Library, DPW, Middlesex Club, Halstead, YWCA, schools, clubs, institutions
- Haulers to be made aware camera ready artwork for reprinting is available for their use at no cost

SIGNAGE NEEDS

TEXTILE- needs to expand information on variety of products acceptable

YELLOW GREASE- sign to pass muster of DEP

STATISTIC SIGNAGE- desirable to inform Town of both environmental and cost savings achieved

SWAP SHOP SIGNAGE- to be upgraded

FACEBOOK PAGE

- Darien Recycling Center now has its own Facebook page.
- Page received 56 'likes' in the first two weeks of existence
- A g-mail address is associated with the page which is monitored by Carolyn Bayne
- Discussion about 'inviting' and 'sharing' others to visit/'like' the page
- Carolyn Bayne will follow up on posting of new information on a consistent basis
 - Current You Tube piece to be linked
 - All suggestions for posting to be funneled through Carolyn Bayne

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- YWCA's 'Push-and-Pull Parade' was a resounding recycling success
- July 4th FIREWORKS was not a recycling success story
 - This is an 'educational opportunity' to be funneled through the Fire Dep'ts for 2015

SWAP SHOP

- Boy Scout Eagle Project proposed for Swap Shop; Dot Kelly to follow up

No other business being brought forth, a motion made to adjourn; seconded and approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Room 206, Wednesday 13 Aug at 12:00 Noon.

Submitted by Terry Gaffney