

TRANSFER STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES- Meeting Date 14th June 2013 (Draft Copy)

PRESENT: Dot Kelly (Chair), Connie Melvin, Craig Flaherty, Carolyn Bayne, Susan Cameron, Alison Stolar

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Terry Gaffney, Madeline Eng

PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES- approved unanimously as submitted without changes

REMAINING TASKS FOR COMMITTEE

- Stay the course through fiscal year to have input on budgetary process for coming year
- Additional tasks for next few meetings
 - o Marketing Plan
 - o Improved Signage
 - o Improved appearance (paint, lettering, etc.)
 - Input from Bob Steeger for implementation critical
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- Special note made of use of secondary compactor for SSR utilization by haulers
- Clothing drop off bins now in place
- Signage
 - o Clear signage at Single Stream Recycling (SSR) area
 - o New signage in other spots
 - o Flyers posted in weather-resistant frames for public distribution

RECYCLING CENTER OPERATIONS

- SSR area needs a second sign so *both* dumpsters get equal use

PERMITS AND FEES

- To date @ 2,800 permits sold
 - o Real data as of July 01st will be the guidepost to use
- Positive feedback from
- Landscaping fee
 - o increase will take effect July 01st
 - with pro-rata rate expiring, concern landscapers may grouse at staff
 - suggest DPW contact landscapers now to minimize strife
- 200 tons per month increase in SSR
 - o Extrapolate data on per annum basis
 - o Graph's second blue line is implementation of second bin

WHAT IS RECYCLABLE

- Question if following items are broken out in a report
 - o Fluorescent bulbs
 - o Batteries
 - o Textiles
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 - o First month showed 2 tons of textile recycling
- Lack of decrease in MSW for May bears 300 tons May 2012, 287 May 2013
 - o Boy Scout Tag Sale
 - o Spring clean up
 - o New Housing and construction permits are up
 - o Housing sales are up

EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLE focus will include:
 - o Bulbs, textiles, batteries,
 - o SSR numbers
 - o Residents with hauler pickup to be encouraged to buy permit to dispose items hauler can't take
- TELEVISION EXPOSURE- Jayme Stevenson suggested Channel 79 invited to Recycling Center for story
- BROCHURE- re-visit layout and info as current brochure does not include what is SSR
- INSERTS- inventory very low
 - o Request to be put in to DPW to print a new batch
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 - o still can use stickers to
 - o Sign on wall in Town Hall redirecting battery disposal to Recycling Center
 - o Train Station distribution
 - o Inventory of 'Inserts' is very low and in need of replenishment
 - o Brochure does not include what IS SSR
 - Needs to be re-visited
- Acclamation of appreciation made to Connie Melvin for all her efforts on behalf of educating and leading the Town of Darien as the Chairperson of the Darien Environmental Group since its inception in 1990.
 - o First Selectman Jayme Stevenson used the occasion to present Connie with a proclamation naming June 14th 2013 as 'Constance Melvin Day' in Darien.
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 - o Utilize display case
 - o Tri-fold
 - o Eyeglasses
 - consider moving current location from lower level of Town Hall
 - Identify a public space accessible to all
 - Currently forwarded on to Lion's Club which sends overseas
- Chris Filmer, Debbie Parnon,
 - o A large group of items which cause doubt among the public about whether they are SSR or not were brought in.
- **Two Ply Bubble wrap**- OK
- **Mylar envelope with bubble wrap** marked as 'recyclable'- OK
- **Dense packing foam** – OK
- **Tyvek**- NO
- **WOOD**- question brought up as to how the schools handle wood waste
 - o Suggestion made to put in construction debris
- **COOKING OIL** disposal issue held in abeyance for future
- **Fluorescent bulbs**- arrangements made to have a box on hand to have them recycled
- **AMERICAN FLAGS** are NEVER to be put in trash; residents should look at the town's Monuments & Ceremonies page- old flags can be dropped off at VFW or at Town Hall for proper disposal (Burned on Flag Day- June 14th at Town Hall 6:30 PM).

The basic rule of thumb to apply according to Chris Oser of CC- "when in doubt, throw it in SSR". While some non-SSR items will get in, the sorting equipment will be able to handle the small amount involved.

RESIDENTIAL FEE STRUCTURE

- \$120 for resident with no hauler- 2 permits; 3rd available at \$40
- \$40 for resident with hauler service- 2 permits
- Seniors and B abatement- one permit free; \$50.00 for second permit with those without hauler, \$40.00 for second permit for those with hauler.
- Lost permit is \$40.00 for replacement
- Replacement permit for a replacement vehicle are at no charge
- BRUSH

- GRASS
- LEAVES
- WOODCHIPS

EDUCATION

- Earth Day insert appeared in newspaper last week
 - o SSR INSERT- full color, printed front and back
 - o Posted on both Darien Patch and the Darien Times
 - o Inserts available for public dispersal at DPW office in town hall
 - o Laminated copies placed at the Darien Recycling Center (DRC)
- Recycle darien link- recycledarien@darienct.gov
 - o This is an e-mail address for the committee
- COMPOSTING has been implemented at DHS

TRI-FOLD and MAP for DARIEN RECYCLING & REFUSE CENTER

- MAP- Proposed new map shown for consideration
- Town DPW has approved it; several minor changes noted:
 - o remove 'lawn furniture' from 'Oversized Plastic' sign
 - o change 'USAgain Textile Bin' to 'Textiles'
- TRIFOLD- Proposed new trifold shown for consideration
- Town DPW has approved it; several minor changes noted:
 - o Last page- remove 'Single Stream recyclables should be CLEAN'
 - o Last page- remove 'remove caps' under the 'SSR should be empty information
 - o Remove 'Hazardous Waste Recommendations' header
 - o Under 'All residents with a recycling permit...' remove 'still' and 'or anything not collected by the hauler'... add 'fluorescent bulbs

DPW TOWN ORDINANCE

- Public Works Committee on RTM to update document
- DEEP definitions forwarded to Steve Anderson by Darren Oustafine

TASKS REMAINING

- Urge residents with hauler service to get a permit so they can dispose items their hauler will not accept
- CONCRETE / BRICK / ROCK DISPOSAL AREA
 - o Town resident noted current area present a safety hazard
 - o Requested to have drop area moved to level ground and have DPW move it subsequently
- GRASS / BRUSH AREA
 - o Town resident noted runoff water is an issue
 - o Catch basin French drain should be replaced to minimize runoff from rainwater
- PAINT RECYCLING- issue will be revamped by State of Connecticut shortly

HAULER MEETING

- Next meeting May 30th