

RECYCLING CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES- Meeting Date 13th Apr 2016

PRESENT: Craig Flaherty (Chair), Terry Gaffney, Ed Gentile- DPW, Pat D'Arinzo- DPW; Sally Ijams- Darien Library

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS: No quorum present, approval of the Minutes from the March meeting was postponed.

ALL THINGS GREEN FAIR

- April 26th 1:00PM- 5:00PM
- Natalia on for light bulb exchange- new bulbs will be 60 Watt equivalent
- EE Smarts will help organize clean energy lab for kids- pinwheel thermal based paint
- Sunflower planting to proceed
- Electric car from DHS not available but hydrogen fuel cell car is
- Solar panel reps and other solar power items to be displayed
- Light bulb exhibitor will set up display booth
- Tree Conservancy and Darien Land Trust will also be setting up booths
- Effie Energy Dragon Mascot from Eversource unavailable, but face painting will be
- Boy Scouts table available
- Library has new tote bags out of recycled material
- Energy bike also available for display
- Parking- Library staff will direct any overflow to alternative parking locations
- Town Hall display case to be utilized for publicity
- Promotion- Committee members to assist in distribution of flyers
- Carolyn Bayne to provide letters to the editor; Library to send press release out in advance; at end of Fair Committee members to pose with exchanged bulbs for publicity
- Confirm invitation to First Selectman has been sent as well as all other elected officials

MUNICIPAL ENERGY AUDIT STATUS

- Terry Gaffney gave update on mapping process for Town for submission to Eversource
- Street light purchase investigation is in process; any and all lamps purchased will be retrofitted with LED bulbs. Purchase price is in the neighborhood of \$150,000 which is anticipated to have a three-year payback period.

CT DEEP RECYCLING INCENTIVE GRANTS FOR SWAP SHOP

Sub-Committee met April 12th to put together the application for grant monies. A conference call with Commissioner is the next step.

- Waste Reduction Initiative up to \$20K aimed at new building for Swap Shop
 - o Requires considerable data study
 - o Capture data on reduction in quantity of truckload of 'Spring Pick ups'
 - Pictures of Swap Shop Activity
- Recycling Rewards \$2K-\$25K; not available until Feb '17
- Green House Gas Initiative and Green Bank at risk due to State cutbacks

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 11th 12 Noon; Room 206