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MINUTES

SOLID HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Town Council Chambers

Thursday April 13, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

1) Call to Order

Member Tom Scelfo calls the meeting to order at 6:09p.m.

Present: Member Tom Scelfo; Member Bill Savastano; Member Hank Petroskey; Dan Celentano, Assistant Director of Public Works; Member Deborah Anderson; Member Donna Pursley.

Absent: Chairperson Bigelow; Susan DeSilver and Deb Ferraro

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Public/Guest: None

4) Approve minutes of March 9, 2023

Motion: Member Hank Petroskey motioned to approve the minutes of March 9, 2023; seconded by Member Tom Scelfo.

Discussion: None

With all in favor, motion passed.

Abstain: Deb Anderson

6) Correspondence: None

7) Report from Dan Celetano Town Manager's Representative

- Mr. Celentano shared that he, along with Mr. Fumiatti, and Town Manager Downes met with John's Refuse about bulky waste alternative options. There was a conversation about it but ultimately there isn't another option John's can offer. The Town Council voted to add \$95,000 per year for bulky waste 2 times per year for the remainder of the contract with John's..
- The cost for the printing was \$227.60 for 5,557 recycle inserts at 5 cents each. \$610 for the other recycling flier.
- Mr. Celentano shared he made changes the committee asked for and those were under budget.

- In regards to the Nip money recommendations. The Town Manager said there would need to be a formal motion made about those items recommended. Motion made under Nip Money agenda item.

8) Topics for Discussion:

Schools/Research:

- Member Petroskey shared that there will be an Eco fair at TVES on 4/20/23; On May 17 there will be a Science Fair at NBHS.

Plastic Wrap:

- Member Petroskey shared that 406 lbs of plastic film was collected for the month of March. His yearly update on the program was submitted to the Totoket Times. Country Paint & Hardware has collected over 6,000lbs and 4,000 lbs from a few other locations. Turning the bags inside out makes it easier. Benches have been offered to all collection locations. The first bench will be going to Fire Department Co. 4.

Transfer Station

- Pam Roach from SCRCOG was a guest on March 27th and she shared with everyone details of the process for the transfer station. An engineer would need to be hired to survey the area and set up the contract with them and then meet with the State to move forward.

Bill was listening and reading articles and it's not a money maker. The committee shouldn't be looking to make \$\$ and looking to increase the recycling.

Approval of the minutes of March 27, 2023

Motion: Member Hank Petroskey motioned to approve minutes from March 27, 2023; seconded by Member Tom Scelfo.

Discussion: None

With all in favor, motion passed.

Abstain: Deb Anderson, Donna Pursley

E-waste collection review

-Member Donna Pursley shared that E-waste collection occurred on March 27th. There were 38 mattresses collected. There were about 180 cars that attended; Many people were bringing in computers, printers, vacuums, a lot of little items, and batteries. Take 2 didn't bring enough pallets and there were items left laying on the ground. It all couldn't fit to be loaded. For next year there should be more pallets.

Publicity

-Member Donna Pursley shared that tomorrow is the deadline for Totoket Times. It will be put in the town locations and not mailed out as the cost is too high to get it mailed out and not receiving enough donations. April 22nd is Earth Day, there will be a celebrating table at Wall Field 9 AM for Little League opening day, there will be demonstrations and handouts. Representatives from other town departments to share what's happening in town, they will be promoting recycling; Earth day clean up, teaching others not to litter; learning how to recycle. Leaf drop off April 22nd, and pick up will be during the week of May 1-5. If anyone missed bulky waste pickup, items can be posted in free groups on Facebook.

Enforcement of recycling practices: None

Status of Bulky Waste: Town Council voted to continue twice a year for the next 3 years.

Status of list for projects to spend the NIP money

Motion: Member Tom Scelfo motioned to approve the Nip funds for A-Frame signs with changeable letters, to coordinate how to get more mattresses out of the waste stream and a person to pick up parks, etc before Public works mowing. seconded by Member Donna Pursley.

Discussion: None

With all in favor, motion passed.

Earth Day:

Member Savastano shared that it is on April 22nd and an update was sent. Mr. Benni will be there with an enviroscape; a pamphlet about wetlands, 2 members of IWWA will be there. Mr. Perkins to be there as well. Trinity solar didn't call back. Mr. Esposito to do something with resuscitation. Parks & Recreation to ask Jessica to do something as well

. Buttons to be made from Just Buttons for Earth Day. The idea was to purchase bins for poco fest. Mr. Celenatno said he could get soil, and a small payloader for the soil. He also will get tables for the event.

Leaf Drop off

Member Anderson said there were 2 open spots for the last 2 weeks. There were 10 cars that came through. Deb Ferraro was the volunteer; 13 cars came that were counted. In 2022, there were 85 cars in the spring. Leaf drop off the last day is April 22nd. It can be picked up the week of May 1-5.

9) Review of 2023-2024 Hazardous Waste/Recycling Budget:

- Mr. Celentano said the budget was good.

10) Other Committee activities, webinars, teleconferences, other topics, etc: None

Member Petroskey said Haz waste central had a meeting on Tuesday 4/11/23 they went over the yearly schedule. Our date is on July 22 with East Haven. There is a satellite drop off in Guilford at Bitner Park on 4/15/23; next week a satellite in Orange. Member Savastano asked if anyone could go to the satellite sites. Member Petroskey stated yes but people from surrounding towns will be charged accordingly.

11) Citizens Statements: None

- Member Savastano stated he is not against the transfer station and its not really a money maker. This is to make sure people recycle. The people on the town council may not be interested as it is not really a money making opportunity. One of the things with a transfer station is people always want to get rid of their brush. Member Petroskey mentioned that if the transfer station is something that gets pursued, to have Town Manager Downes write in his business proposal for the town council. It should show that with the transfer station it will stop bulky waste, etc and it could offset the taxes. Member Anderson mentioned many towns go into a transfer station with another town. Durham has Middlefield. There was talk at one point about North Haven. Member Petroskey stated that previous town manager Paulhus had talked with North Haven and possibly combining to have a transfer station.

12) Adjournment.

Motion: Member Donna Pursley motioned to adjourn; seconded by Member Deb Anderson.

Discussion: None

With all in favor, motion passed

Adjourned at 7:33p.m.