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# TOWN OF NORTH BRANFORD

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## SOLID HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING COMMITTEE Town Council Chambers Thursday May 11, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

### 1) Call to Order

Chairperson Bigelow called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

**Present:** Chairperson Bigelow, Member Scelfo, Member Savastano, Member Pursley, Member Petroskey  
Member Anderson, and Public Works Assistant Director Dan Celentano.

**Not Present:** Member Susan DeSilver and Member Deb Ferraro

### 2) Pledge of Allegiance

### 3) Public/Guest: None

### 4) Approve minutes of April 13, 2023

**Motion:** Member Tom Scelfo motioned to approve the minutes from April 13, 2023; seconded by  
Member Hank Petroskey.

**Discussion:** None

**With all in favor, motion passed.**

**Abstain:** Chairperson Bigelow

### 5) Correspondence: None

### 6) Report from Dan Celentano Town Manager's Representative

-Mr. Celentano shared that the committee is unable to make a donation to the Totoket Times for all the  
space that is provided for the announcements. The committee is able to make a motion to pay for space a  
couple times a year for special announcements.

-The committee will need to get pricing for the A-frame signs for advertising events and then make a  
motion to spend up to that amount.

### 7) Topics for Discussion:

#### Schools/Research

-Member Petroskey shared that there was a TVES eco-fair held on April 20th There will be a High School  
Environmental fair on May 17th.

#### Plastic Wrap

-Member Petroskey shared those 457 pounds of plastic film was collected for the month of April.

#### Transfer Station

-There was a discussion held on what to do. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided we shouldn't do anything until we receive some direction from the Town Manager. The first step would be to hire an engineer to see if the spot suggested for the transfer station is feasible. When the town is ready for more information gathering, the committee will be able to assist but until then we are unsure in which direction to proceed.

-There was a brief conversation about the recent extension of bulky waste collection. It was also discussed to have this item removed from future agendas until a project starts up.

### **Publicity**

-Member Pursley reported on some things to appear in future Totoket Times issues.

### **Enforcement of recycling practices**

-No Discussion on this except removal of this from future agendas.

### **Status of list for projects to spend the NIP money**

**Motion:** Member Debbie Anderson motioned to spend up to \$400 to purchase A-Frame signs; seconded by Member Tom Scelfo.

**Discussion:** None

#### **With all in favor, motion passed.**

Member Petroskey to get pricing and pass the information onto the Town to go through the purchasing process.

**Motion:** Member Debbie Anderson motioned to spend up to \$400 to place quarter page ads in Totoket Times twice per year to advertise special events.

(i.e. POCO Fest Recycling, Earth Day); seconded by Member Tom Scelfo.

**Discussion:** None

#### **With all in favor, motion passed.**

-Member Petroskey wanted to discuss having financial remuneration for both Member Petroskey and Member Savastano to cover the mileage they drive for the Plastic Film Recycling Program. There was a spreadsheet developed to show how much mileage is done by managing this program. There is more work to be done on a business case.

-Mr. Celentano said he will check in with the town in regard to the process for mileage reimbursement.

### **Earth Day Review**

-Member Savastano reported on the success of the day.

He had submitted receipts for \$200 of funds used for buttons, flowers, refreshments, and a recycle bin. Mr. Celentano said he will pass on those receipts to the finance department. It was also reported that Town Council Member Bruce Abelson also attended the event.

### **Leaf Drop off**

-Member Anderson reported there were 52 vehicles who used the site for leaf drop off during the Spring Saturdays. The fall collection dates will begin on October 14th and she will be reaching out to past volunteers.

### **Memorial Day Parade**

-It was decided by the committee that they will not participate in the parade as many members are marching with other groups.

### **8) Other Committee activities, webinars, teleconferences, other topics, etc.**

Member Petroskey reported on the Haz Waste Central meeting that was held on 4/26/23. The Waste Oil payment calculations have been updated. Lori Vitagliano announced her retirement from RWA, after 28 years. Replacement people were named.

Member Scelfo also reported on the SWAC meeting held on 4/25/23.

Member Petroskey reported that Karin Jakubowski is very interested in joining the committee.

### **9) Citizens Statements: None**

### **10) Adjournment**

**Motion:** Member Hank Petroskey motioned to adjourn; seconded by Member Tom Scelfo;

**Discussion:** None  
**With all in favor, motion passed.**  
**Adjourned at 7:58p.m.**

Savastano

Hi All--Earth Day 2023 was a success  
The weather cooperated &  
there was a good resident turnout  
Town depts.--IWWA & Fire --  
Hank & The Land Trust--  
Nancy(Natureworks) were our exhibitors

Public Works helped w/ setup & breakdown

Members of our cmte. & community volunteers greeted the residents w/  
Hot Chocolate--handouts of our INFO Card  
& a color flyer w/ pics of the newest items for beverage deposit all while they browsed the  
infield of displays-- (plastic film--E-Waste --mattress coll) &  
other reminders

Again this year --residents were treated to a Six Pack of Sunflowers to take home &  
several residents commented on the Good Luck they had w/ last years  
Sunflowers( made 100 & all went)

Looking ahead--I feel we have certainly made an impact but need to expand on the ability to  
bring something new to the table  
every year.

I think we can do better w/ getting the message out  
(newspaper & social media)  
& there is a need for a few key exhibitors.

Looking ahead, I had hoped that our cmte.would be up to full strength this year & w/ new faces  
comes new ideas, but that didn't happen.

Other possibilities we may be able to include would be doing something w/ daffodils & Arbor  
Day is the last fri in April every year, just to name a couple

Please add this summary to the minutes of our meeting on 5/11/23

Thank You

# **CTDEEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee –4/25/23**

Approximately 97 people participated on the ZOOM call

## **News & Updates from EAP Region 1 – Chris Beling, US EPA**

- EPA estimates that 66 million tons of food is wasted every year

## **Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Grant Program and Materials Management Infrastructure Request for Information (RFI) – Joseph DeNicola, DEEP**

- Nine applicants have applied for \$120K - \$850K in grants to help develop ways to manage waste other than shipping waste to out-of-state landfills (e.g., gasification, pyrolysis, microwave plasma technology)

## **Governor’s Bill 6664 – James Albis, DEEP**

- Average solid waste tip fees are \$120/ton = double 10 years ago
- To address 860,000 tons per year being shipped out-of-state for disposal, two strategies:
  - Extended Producer Responsibility for packaging
  - Improve food scraps diversion

## **Recycling Markets Update – Chaz Miller**

- Very detailed presentation of recycling markets and trends, along with predictions of where markets may go in the future.
- 23-page PDF of presentation and speaker notes e-mails to Committee members on 4/27/23

## **Refresher for Municipalities Seeking to Divert Food Scraps – Frank Gagliardo & Brent Madho, DEEP**

- The Municipal Transfer Facility General Permit (which is the permit North Branford would use to construct and operate a transfer station) is on the Commissioner’s desk for signature
- After a municipality registration under the Municipal Transfer Facility General Permit is received and deemed complete, following Q&A, it typically takes CTDEEP 90 days to approve the registration
- Leaf composting facilities must be operated in accordance with CT DEEP requirements that include the need to use windrows rather than just having a pile of leaves on the ground

## **Sustainable Materials Management Grant Updates – Jenn Weymouth, DEEP**

- Grants have been awarded to 19 towns and 3 regional organizations
- Seven towns have launched their programs thus far – 5 with co-collection of recyclables curbside; 1 with separate collection of food scraps; 1 with drop-off of food scraps
- Three more towns are scheduled to begin their pilot programs in May
- “Clean Food Capture Rate” (CFCR) is a comparison against an estimate that 22% of all solid waste is food scraps; data from six of these towns indicate a CFCR ranging from 15-45%
- Contamination rates in the food scraps range from under 10% (three towns) to 21-25% (three towns)
- With the special emphasis to residents during these pilot programs on recycling and food scrap collection, four towns have reported an increase in their cumulative diversion rate of recycling plus food scraps:
  - West Haven – increased from 14.5% to 20%
  - Ansonia – increased from 14% to 20.5%
  - Deep River – increased from 23.5% to 30%
  - Woodbury – increased from 28% to 32.5%

## **Fees on Miniature Spirits Bottles – Chris Nelson, DEEP**

### **MINI COLLECTION IN THOMPSON, CT - OCTOBER 2020 (48,244 CONTAINERS)**



- Third round of payments have been sent to municipalities. For the first three rounds:

Period	Container Count	Total Fees Paid
Oct 21 - Mar 22	37,599,234	\$1,879,961.70
Apr 22 - Sept 22	46,569,131	\$2,328,456.55
Oct 22 - Mar 23	48,264,561	\$2,413,228.05
<b>TOTALS FOR PAST 12 MONTHS</b>	<b>94,833,692</b>	<b>\$4,741,685</b>

Next Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2023

NBSHWRC May 11, 2023 Report

**School Liaison:**

TVES eco-fair held April 20. Talked to 6, 5th grade classes about recycling. Covered not only what goes into blue bin, but what does not. Also discussed other things that can be recycled, but do not go in to the blue bin - e-Waste, plastic film, mattresses, clothes. That took about 20 minutes and then two high school students did a game where the classes had to take cutouts of different items and place them in the correct bin.

High School environmental fair is May 17 and I will be staffing a table for that.

**Plastic Film Program:**

457 pounds of film collected for April

33 pounds of trash, which is 7%, not a good month trash wise

TJs Launderette has agreed to have their next bench donated

Scheduled to deliver and present the bench that Country Paint and Hardware donated to Fir Company 4, Friday, May 12 at noon. The Fire Captain is expected to be there and hopefully, Earl from CP&HW.

Bill Savastano and I are working on a process to hopefully get reimbursed for some of the mileage we put on our vehicles as part of the Plastic Film Recycling Program. Spoke to Fran Merola and suggested when we get authorized for mileage, we could fill up at pumps at PW, rather than getting a check for reimbursement. Fran indicated it would probably be cheaper for the Town that way. May be a fill up every 2-3 months.

Working on a spreadsheet that has the mileage from our homes to the pickup locations each of us do and then to the NB and Branford Big Ys. A typical pickup day for me is 14 miles RT and Bill's is 11. Doing that twice a week is 28 and 22 miles. If we do the Branford Big Y run, its 16-18 miles RT for both of us. NB is 8 miles RT. NB is 3 times a week and Branford twice. The mileage adds up and this was not anticipated when we began the program in 2017.

**Other Orgs:**

HazWaste Central meeting on 4/26/23.

Waste Oil Payment calculation has been updated.

Lori Vitagliano announced her retirement from RWA, after 28 years.

For RWA business please contact Kevin Watsey, Director of Public Affairs, at 203-401-2738 or by email at [kwatsey@rwater.com](mailto:kwatsey@rwater.com).

For HazWaste Central operations please contact Steve Vitko, Environmental Planning Manager at 203-401-2737 or by email at [svitko@rwater.com](mailto:svitko@rwater.com).

x-frame recycling bins requested from River COG for PoCo.

Karin Jakubowski contacted me about becoming a member of the Committee. She is the person Bill and I mentioned a month or two ago.







# Town of North Branford Connecticut

## *MSW and Recycling Tons FY 2023*

	<u>Jul-22</u>	<u>Aug-22</u>	<u>Sep-22</u>	<u>Oct-22</u>	<u>Nov-22</u>	<u>Dec-22</u>	<u>Jan-23</u>	<u>Feb-23</u>	<u>Mar-23</u>	<u>Apr-23</u>	<u>May-23</u>	<u>Jun-23</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MSW-NBFD	389	435	447	395	421	370	339	305	297	293			3,691
SSRCY-NBFD	115	98	101	95	99	135	91	75	63	91			963
Totals	504	533	548	490	520	505	430	380	361	384	-	-	4,655

## *MSW and Recycling Tons FY 2023*

	3rd Qtr-22	4th Qtr-22	1st Qtr-23	2nd Qtr-23	Total
MSW-NBFD	1,271	1,186	941	293	3,691
SSRCY-NBFD	314	329	229	91	963
Totals	1,585	1,515	1,171	384	4,655

## Gasoline for Plastic Film Recycling Program

We make pickups 2-3 times a week.

We make runs to NB Big Y three days a week and Branford 1-2 times a week. The run to Branford is 14 miles round trip from PW.

One does Northford side - Community Center, TJ's Launderette, Food Pantry, Smith Library, Guilford Fence, and Aquatic Pool.

One does NB side - Town Hall, Atwater Library, and Country Paint and Hardware.

Talked to Fran Merola and asked about using the pumps at PW. Fran indicated that might be cheaper for the Town.

The thought is instead of submitting a mileage report and then getting a check or direct deposit payment, we would submit a mileage report and just fill up at PW. We would need to coordinate with the PW Office, as they have the key to the pumps.

Best guess is a fill up every two months would be sufficient.

We have been operating the program since 2017, so we have spent a lot of personal money on gasoline, not to mention the wear and tear on our vehicles. It seems six fill ups a year would not only cover our current usage, but perhaps regain a little of the funds expended over the first 6 years of the program.

I used to submit volunteer mileage as part of Federal Income Tax deduction, but since moving to the IRS short form, that does not occur any longer, so no recouping of funds occurs.

The NIP funds could be a source of paying for the gasoline or the Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee's budget.

Probably make more trips than 1-2 per week for pick-up.

Many days pick-up at collection locations and then just drop plastic film off at PW. Return at another day/time to PW to sort plastic film and get ready for Big Y runs.

Plastic Film Program Mileage	Location	Miles Between Locations	Date					# RUNS	WEEKLY TOTAL	MONTHLY	BI-MTHLY	QTRLY
			Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri					
43 Sunnyside Dr - Savastano	TJs	1.5										
	Northford Store											
	Aquatic Pool											
	Guilford Fence	2.3										
	Smith Library	2.4										
	Food Pantry											
	STW											
	Public Works	2.9										
	43 Sunnyside Dr	1.6										
	Total Pickup Round Trip	10.7	1			1		2	21.4	85.6	171.2	256.8
	PW to Br Big Y	6.7	1			1		2	13.4	53.6	107.2	160.8
	PW to NB Big Y	2.6										
	NB Big Y to 43 Sunnyside Dr	4.3										
	Br Big Y to 43 Sunnyside Dr	7.9	1			1		2	15.8	63.2	126.4	189.6
	43 Sunnyside Dr to PW	1.6										
									50.6	202.4	404.8	607.2
3 David Ln - Petroskey	3 David Ln to PW	2.4										
	Town Hall	4.1										
	Country Paint	3										
	Atwater Library	1.3										
	Atwater to PW	3.3										
	PW to 3 David Ln	2.4										

	Total Pickup Round Trip	14.1	1		1		2	28.2	112.8	225.6	338.4
	Br Big Y to 3 David Ln	9.1									
	NB Big Y to 3 David Ln	5	1		1		2	10	40	80	120
	PW to Br Big Y	6.7									
	PW to NB Big Y	2.6	1		1		2	5.2	20.8	41.6	62.4
								43.4	173.6	347.2	520.8