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## SOLID HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Town Manager's Conference Room

Thursday July 13, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

### 1) Call to Order

Chairperson Bigelow called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m.

**Present:** Chairperson Bigelow, Member Hank Petroskey, Member Tom Scelfo, Member Deborah Anderson, Member Bill Savastano, Member Susan DeSilver, Public Works Assistant Director Dan Celantano, and Karin Jakobowitz.

**Not Present:** Deb Ferraro, Donna Pursley.

### 2) Pledge of Allegiance

### 3) Public/Guest

### 4) Approve minutes of June 8, 2023

**Motion:** Member Tom Scelfo motioned to approve the minutes for June 8, 2023; seconded by Member Bill Savastano.

**Discussion:** Member Deb Anderson requested correction for her name in the adjournment section; it should read “Anderson” not Anderon.

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

**Abstain:** Member Susan DeSilver

### 5) Correspondence

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

Mr. Celentano shared that the nip money requests will go before the Town Council at their 7/18/23 meeting. The town manager stated that there are 2 vacancies on the committee as of now. Karen is welcome to be appointed to the committee, if she is unaffiliated she may write a letter to the mayor to be appointed. If she is affiliated she would need to reach out to a representative for RTC or DTC. Two meetings ago the committee had proposed to take it off the agenda and the Town Manager agreed to hold off on the transfer station.

The town manager does not feel that there should be social media pages added for the committee as it can cause issues, and it would be best if a town employee was running it. There is a current facebook page for it.

## **7) Topics for Discussion:**

### **Schools/Research and Boy Scout project**

Member Hank Petroskey had no updates for the schools. He had spoken with the eagle scout who is interested in creating the videos about what to recycle and how to do it. The committee discussed how those videos would be used once they are created. More information to come on getting the videos for the boy scout project would have the candidate work on.

### **Plastic Wrap-**

Member Hank Petroskey shared that 515 lbs of plastic film was collected for June. As of July 1 second 6 months of the year, if another 500 lbs were earned, the bench that would go to Atwater Library and Library Director Davis decided to donate it, so he will contact Anthony Esposito and see which fire company is in need of one. The historical society was looking for one to dedicate a bench. Member Anderson asked if there is a specific time you are at the garage working on the plastic film. The bins at Atwater were overflowing and Frank Angeloni offered to help with plastic sorting. There was a lot of unacceptable stuff in there.

### **Publicity**

Member Hank Petroskey will contact Member Donna Pursley about putting in something about recycling at the POCO Fest.

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

**Motion:** Member Tom Scelfo motioned to use the nip money to compensate Bill Savastano and Hank Petroskey for picking up the plastic film; seconded by Member Susan DeSilver.

**Discussion:** None

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

**Abstain:** Member Hank Petroskey and Member Bill Savastano.

### **E-Waste Collection**

Member Bill Savastano shared there were 143 cars attending the event. There was a total of 10 bottles of motor oil, 6 #1 \$1 tanks; 7 #20 \$3 tanks; 7 Mattresses; 9 vehicle batteries. Many patrons who attended the event heard about it from the Totoket Times.

### **POCO Fest**

Member Bill Savastano said there are 30 signs being made for the trash totes. There are trash totes being ordered for the event as well. There was talk about getting dumpsters with the trash. He wants to send out an email and get them taped on the totes. Trash, Plastic Film, Cardboard for the vendors.

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

Member Tom Scelfo shared the following information from the SWAC meeting held on 6/27/23.

**Legislative Session Recap** - Harrison Nantz & James Albis, DEEP Cylinder industry is required to submit plans for free recycling of gas cylinders by 7/1/23

Main bill that passed = Tire Bill

Bills that did not pass: An Act concerning the use of certain products made from polystyrene

An Act concerning the distribution of single-use plastic straws and stirrers by certain restaurants

An Act concerning Extended Producer Responsibility for smoke detectors An Act concerning the reduction of food waste in schools

**Governor's Bill:** Food scrap collection – institutions now required to separate food scraps  
Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging was proposed, but later removed.

Universal access for food scraps collection was proposed, but later removed

**Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Tires** – Jen HeatonJones, HRRA & Tom Metzner, DEEP It is estimated that more than 50% of used tires are currently incinerated Currently, consumers can pay a fee when they purchase new tires to have their old tires disposed Public Act 23-62, An Act Concerning Extended Producer Responsibility for Tires: By 1/1/25, producers must join a stewardship organization and submit a plan to CTDEEP Within 90 days, CTDEEP must approve the plan or ask for more information 120 days after plan approval, the plan must be implemented Estimated start date = Fall 2025 Included tires: passenger cars, motorcycles, trucks, busses, non-commercial aircraft, “vehicles that provide mobility” (possibly golf carts, ATVs) Exempted tires: bicycle tires, toys, commercial aircraft, personal mobility devices (scooters, wheelchairs) Covered entities = permitted transfer stations, tire retailers, car dealerships, automotive garages, private or public sector fleet maintenance garages Covered entities are not required to participate, but stewardship plan must include enough locations to provide for free and convenient access

**Plan requirements:** Establish a state-wide collection system utilizing covered entities. Provide access to the collection system to the public, free of charge, for the drop-off of discarded tires Ensure discarded tires are picked up from the collection system and transported for recycling Ensure all discarded tires collected in the collection system are resold or recycled Provide storage containers for discarded tires Implement public education.

Assist in the market development to achieve performance goals Finance all program activities solely through producer funding Next step = conversations with stakeholders (US Tire Manufacturers Association, tire processors, municipalities, others)

**SMM Grant Updates** - Jenn Weymouth, DEEP Individual grants range from 700 to 16,000 participants Grants include some transfer station collection, some co-collection with other waste, and some separate collection.

### **Municipal Transfer Station General Permit (MTSGP) – Frank Gagliardo, DEEP**

The General Permit is signed and in effect; annual billings have been sent to Towns that have already registered; they do not need to re-register to be covered under the General Permit.

### **E-Waste Program Update – Kevin Sullivan, DEEP**

Scavenging from e-waste collection areas is prohibited (data security risk for previous user)

No new applications for Covered Electronic Recyclers (CERs) were received; all 4 existing CERs were approved for renewal (7/1/23 thru 6/30/24)

8 million pounds of e-waste was recycled in 2022; 177 million pounds since 2011

1-2 million pounds of non-CED items were collected in 2022

55 CT jobs have been created (1 more since last year)

The next SWAC meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2023.

**9) Citizens Statements**

**10) Adjournment.**

**Motion:** Member Deborah Anderson motioned to adjourn; seconded by Member Hank Petroskey.

**Discussion:** None

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

**Adjourned at 7:32p.m.**