Canterbury Recycling Committee meeting Tuesday March 2nd, 6:30 pm Canterbury Meetinghouse

In Attendance: Seth Cohn

Adrienne Allaire Norman Bowles Jim Higgins Bob Stump

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm

- 1. The recycling committee discussed plans/activities to celebrate Earth Day 2010
- a. Seth reviewed current plans of the annual roadside pick-up for April 17th, organized by Patrice Rasche, and the thank-you feed for participants at the Parish House the afternoon of the roadside pick-up, organized by Bob Stump. The committee discussed promotion of the event in the newsletter in both March and April, as well as writing an announcement to be given to Wayne Mann prior to Town Meeting on Friday March 12th (Adrienne) as well as mentioning it to residents as they bring in blue roadside bags on the day of the event.

## 2. Newsletter topics

- a. The committee decided to promote the earth-day events during the month of April (Adrienne?)
- b. Seth asked committee members for ideas; none were prevalent for an article for the May edition, other than thanking the roadside clean-up participants. Seth asked members to think of possible topics to be discussed and decided upon at the next meeting.

## 3. Town meeting/report

- a. The committee discussed and reviewed the submission by new chairman, Seth Cohn, which was e-mailed to committee members previous to the meeting for individual review and comment. Members were pleased with the submission, especially under last-minute circumstances. Norman mentioned that the town reports are printed but have not yet been approved for distribution to the general public.
- b. The committee discussed the upcoming voting for open town and district positions as well as warrant articles on Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 (all day at Town Hall) and Town Meeting on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> (7 pm CES) Adrienne agreed to write an announcement to the moderator, Wayne Mann, prior to Town Meeting during the discussion of Earth Day promotions.
- 4. Other towns related info/discussion.
- a. Seth gave a brief report on the Hopkinton recycling meeting he attended as a guest speaker last month. He gave them general information concerning how PAYT has been successful for Canterbury; they were pleased with the plethora of information he provided and his insights on making the program a success.
- 5. The floor was opened up for other business. Adrienne mentioned negative feedback about February's newsletter article from one citizen, but positive feedback from several others; the committee feels that news about the success of PAYT was generally well received. The committee discussed the cost of the tipping fee (@36,000.00 projected annually) vs. the income generated from bags (@52,000.00 annually) plus the money generated from the administrative fee for dumpsters (@ 2,500.00 annually) and concluded that residents buying bags are paying "their fair share". The committee considered recommending to the selectmen that the dumpster chargeback (administrative fee) be raised prior to the PAYT bag cost in the interest of fairness.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.