

Recycling Committee Minutes

March 14 2018 Called to Order 4:10pm

Attendance: N Boccio, G. Geci, L Losee, D Raap, D Wilson

Approval of November meetings minutes approved : L Losee

Agenda:

GRANT FOR RECYCLING BINS

J Geci still waiting to hear about grant for recycling bins

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT TRASH/RECYCLING CONTAINERS.

D. Raap working with USA Hauling to remedy trash/recycling problem in the municipal parking lot. Overflowing bins and garbage bags left outside compactors regularly. There was discussion about adding camera for surveillance of the area. Discussion about having an electronic keypad for the contributing merchants. Problem with Casa Bacchus not paying USA Hauling but still regularly using dumpsters. Left him a note on his door, a note on the dumpster and phone calls from Steve at USA Hauling - Still uses. D Raap will continue to work on this project.

RECYCLING BINS IN TOWN

J. Geci shared a example of the trash/ recycling bins used by Kent CT. L Losee thinks that HDC will approve these. L Losee will discuss at next HDC meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF "SIMPLE RECYCLING"

Simple recycling is a company that collects, textiles, sheets, toys, kitchenware at no cost to the households. It is collected along the same route as the garbage pick-up, curbside. It would take more garbage out of our collection and thus reduce the costs to the town. N Boccio getting more information about this program.

EARTH DAY PLANS

Earth Day is planned for April 28, 2018. Naomi reached out to girls scouts, John Wages from Sir Speedy and East Litchfield (ELVIS). John Wages will be doing the Flyers at no cost. Lions Club providing post clean-up refreshments at White Memorial. J Geci contacting schools. D Raap contacting Forman School and Village Striders running group. J Geci will do a radio spot on WZBG to promote Earth Day.

OLD BUSINESS

Naomi and Raz continue to on retaining walls and parking area at recycling center. Litchfield will be hauling their own recycles and demo to reduce costs to the town. Also sending scrap metal to Liberty and trees to Supreme. Discussed erecting a “hut” in corner of building to greet recycling customers.

NEW BUSINESS

D Raap introduced the idea of banning plastic bags in Litchfield as other surrounding towns have been implementing. The committee decided to get more information about the benefits and how to implement.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:08pm

Denise Raap, Secretary