

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
March 1, 2012

Present: Knox (chair), Ames, Smith, Roberts, Coughlin, Walton (staff), Hultgren (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

The minutes of the January 12, 2012 meeting were accepted by Ames/Roberts.

A pilot recycling project has just started at Celeron Square Apartments. On March 1, 2012 a uniquely painted recycling dumpster was delivered and placed next to one of the apartment's trash dumpsters. Off-campus student services staff will be having a recycling event on Friday, March 2, 2012 from 1 to 3 pm at Celeron Square where they will hand out recycling bags for each apartment and promote the recycling pilot. With assistance from Celeron Square staff, Walton will be conducting a dumpster waste study next week.

The committee reviewed a comparison sheet of the pros and cons of automated service to the existing single-family service. It was decided to invite the single-family and multi-family trash collectors to a future meeting to continue the discussion about the type of trash service that will best serve single-family households. Mayo & Sons will be invited to attend the next meeting in May.

Walton reported that UConn's Give and Go is scheduled for May 2 through 6, 2012. Once the website is activated, Walton will send the link to members who would like to participate.

The committee decided to schedule Rid Litter Day on Saturday, April 28, 2012 with extra household trash collection the week following, May 2 & 3, 2012.

Walton reported that the Town Council adopted an extended producer responsibility mattress resolution last month. An extended producer responsibility mattress law is now working its way through the state legislature. Walton reported on other bills introduced this legislative session.

Walton made a presentation to the Downtown Partnership Planning and Design Committee about using an alternative trash/recycling container to the one the committee originally chose for the Storrs Center streetscape. The Planning and Design Committee approved of the container recommended by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Staples is now offering paper shredding during store hours. The cost is 79 cents per pound. It was noted that Hockanum Industries will shred paper for 25 cents, if brought to their facility, and 35 cents if picked up at the house.

The auditors have recommended that the Town performs an anti-fraud survey, with a specific

concern about the exchange of cash at the transfer station.

In preparation for the housing that will allow pets in the Storrs Center development, staff will look into pooper scooper ordinances that other communities use.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
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