

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2008**

The Solid Waste & Recycling Commission of the Town of Fairfield held its regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 2008, in the Second Floor Conference Room, Independence Hall at 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paige Herman, Chairman; Sharon Pistilli, Secretary, Thomas Braun, Helene Epifano and Joseph Fischer

ABSENT: Paul Krumins, Vice Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Zembruski, Director, Solid Waste and Recycling

1. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. by Chairman Herman.

The Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

11. Minutes of Solid Waste & Recycling Commission meeting minutes of September 8, 2008: Joseph Fischer *moved* and Helene Epifano *seconded* to amend the proposed meeting minutes as follows:

Under: School Recycling

Commissioner Pistilli indicated she tried to contact the school principal at Jennings school regarding their recycling. She noted there are no receptacles on the primary playground outside Jennings school. She advised the Commission of volunteers who will be developing a temp plate to access their own schools, which will also help them determine the number of containers to be replaced and where they will be replaced. She also noted there is an interschool/committee, which is headed by Sheila Sullivan. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Stanley Topar, with Big Little, inquired as to why the Town can't provide the haulers with blue bins at no cost. Mr. Zembruski indicated the money wasn't in the budget to buy more blue bins.

Mr. Topar asked Mr. Zembruski if the Town could provide Town residents and haulers with a newsletter on how to recycle. Mr. Zembruski will look into it.

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Mr. Zembruski noted he is getting reports from Stratford and asking for a detailed report from CRRA, FCR and IPC regarding recycling.

Chairman Herman stated there will be a letter going into the Blue Bin News to inform citizens of Fairfield on where to discard their florescent bulbs and batteries.

111. Old Business

- **2008 Hazardous Waste Satellite Results**

Mr. Zembruski noted there was a decrease of seven hundred eighty seven (787) households at the Hazardous Waste collection compared to nine hundred (900) households the year before.

Mr. Zembruski thanked Galemba and Sons Carting for supplying the dumpsters at the Hazardous Waste collection for the past eight years and asked the Commission to publish it in the Blue Bin News.

IV. New Business

- **2009-2010 Meeting Dates**

The Commission reviewed and discussed the 2009 meeting dates. No changes were made.

- **2009 Hazardous Waste Satellite Date**

Mr. Zembruski indicated the Hazardous Waste collection will take place on August 29th 2009. Chairman Herman asked Mr. Zembruski to place set date on the Town website.

- **2009-2010 Budget**

Mr. Zembruski noted the Town will be signing up with CRRA, Enviro and Wheelabrator for the next five years. They renewed their contract with CRRA for 48,000 tons and will be using the Town's transfer station this January. He also noted there is an approximate 14.65 cent reduction in tip fee disposal. The tip fees will remain the same because the Town is subsidizing the commercial and residential tip fees. Mr. Zembruski advised the Commission that it will be up to the First Selectman if he wants to change the rates. Commissioner Braun felt it's up to the Commission to decide the change in rates, not the First Selectman.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the budget at length.

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After discussion:

Thomas Braun Moved and Chairman Herman seconded to put previously discussed issues regarding the changing of tip fees to reflect the new cost from CRRA on the following agenda.

There being no further business to come before the commission, Thomas Braun moved and Joseph Fischer seconded to adjourn meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Keogh

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