

Middletown Resource Recycling Advisory Commission

Regular Meeting

October 24, 2016

Members Present: Alison Johnson , Rebecca McLachlan, Debbie Stanley, Krishna Winston
Others Present: Christine Sherwood, Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

The minutes of the Sept. 26, 2016 meeting will be considered at the next meeting.

Public Hearing

Christine Sherwood introduced herself. She is a Middletown resident and works for National Waste Associates in Glastonbury. She is interested in getting involved in Middletown's recycling program.

Recycling Coordinators Report

Ms. O'Rourke said she and Mr. Panciera have visited every school in the school district. Every school is set up for recycling and some are switching to Sanitation District service. She is working with the BOE in getting recycling containers for all the schools and doing education programs in the schools.

Ms. O'Rourke said the cardboard compactor was finally working at the transfer station.

Ms. O'Rourke reviewed what was necessary to have paint recycling at the recycling center. The City would need to do the following:

1. Get a secure storage area
2. Accept paint during normal working hours
3. Pack the paint properly
4. Do paperwork
5. Modify the transfer station permit

Members discussed this and felt it some of it would be quite difficult with our limited staffing at the transfer station. They felt we should keep this in mind, but perhaps not pursue it right now.

Ms. O'Rourke said she was working on going out for quotes for the scrap metal recycling. She was planning on getting three quotes and starting the contract Jan. 1st.

The manager at the Eddy Shelter seemed interested in utilizing the greenhouse, so instead of putting it out to bid we will see if we can put a program together.

Ms. O'Rourke handed out the tonnage report.

Swap Shack

Sat. Oct. 29 Krishna
Wed Oct. 2 Alison
Sat. Nov 9 Krishna
Sat. Nov. 12 Chantal
Sat. Nov. 19 Krishna

Ms. O'Rourke will send an email to fill in the open dates.

Park Recycling

Members discussed the parks they have visited to see if they had any recycling containers. It didn't appear that any of the parks had recycling containers. Hopefully, with the park renovations, there will be recycling containers included. Ms. Winston said she will mention this at the 21st Century Parks Commission meeting.

America Recycles Day

Ms. Winston said she could have an informational table at the Recycling Center for America Recycles Day. The table should have informational flyers, the zero waste pledge, paint information, project green lawn info and of course recycling center information. Weather permitting.

Project Green Lawn

Members talked about the possibility of the getting a Rockfall Grant to do well testing and education on lawn care pesticides.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim O'Rourke
Recycling Coordinator