

**Recycling and Solid Waste Commission
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2017
Municipal Center
Room 200
7:00 pm**

Minutes

Present: Marie Cassidy, Richard Ireland, Jr., Rebecca Ireland, Kathy Cole, Wayne Fish and George Fensick

Visitors: Christine Brown, Simply Recycling Program

Absent: None

I. Guest Speakers

1. Christine Brown was present to talk about Simply Recycling Program. It is being done in New Britain and Bristol currently. The program does not cost anything.

The program allows residents to recycle used clothing, shoes, clothes and small kitchen items. The reason it works so well is because it is so convenient. It is picked up the same time as the recycling collection, bi-weekly. It is a pink bag that Simply Recycling provides to the residents.

The committee thinks that it is a good idea for Plainville to try it. There is an agreement that needs to be signed with the Town and Simply Recycling.

The items that are picked up are sold to Goodwill or Savers. Some items are sent to Africa or places where they are needed.

The program will start by sending the bags to the residents. They will get 1 bag to start and when it is picked up, the driver leaves 2 new bags.

2. Christine talked about Smart Recycling, a program she is currently working on. Christine to send information on email to Rich so he can share it with the Town Manager.

A motion was made by: George Fensick to recommend to the Town Manager that the Town start the Simply Recycling Program in Plainville.

Seconded by: Wayne Fish

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

II. Minutes

Motion to approve the October 12, 2017 minutes with one correction. The Simply Recycling would be picked up bi-weekly with recycling.
by: George Fensick

Seconded by: Wayne Fish

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

III. Bills and Communications

1. Town Council Liaison – Deb Tompkins will continue to be the liaison for Recycling.
2. Recycling Project - was completed at Toffolon School. The students had to create something out of cardboard and recycling materials.
3. Appropriations –

A motion was made by: to move \$200.00 from operating supplies into part time account to pay for the Recording Secretary.

Seconded by: Rebecca Ireland

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

A motion was made by: Wayne Fish to pay \$125.00 for Membership dues for CT Recycling Coalition.

Seconded by: Kathy Cole

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

A motion was made by: Marie Cassidy to pay \$75.00 for Rich to attend Recycling Conference.

Seconded by: Wayne Fish

All in Favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

IV. Old Business

1. Battery Recycling – Kathy sent a picture of proposed recycling bucket to Robert Lee. Waiting for his approval. Rich to look into other options for buckets.

V. New Business

1. Becky was talked about an article in National Geographic about electronic recycling. The article talked about the need for people to make sure they are recycling old tvs, cellphone batteries etc.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by: Wayne Fish made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Second: Marie Cassidy

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary