

PLAINVILLE RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMISSION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES

JANUARY 12, 2023

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

Room 200
Municipal Center

PRESENT: Rich Ireland, Rebecca Ireland, George Fensick, Kathy Cole

STAFF PRESENT: None

ABSENT: None

I. ROLL CALL

There was a quorum.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

None

III. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

IV. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the October 13, 2022 minutes as written by:

G. Fensick

Seconded by: K. Cole

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion Passes

Minutes Approved

V. BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Town Council Liaison – Deb Tompkins was not present.

B. Other –

1. **New CT Recycling Bill** - Rich talked about the new Bottle Bill. The new items added that can be redeemed are: beer bottles, sports drinks, carbonated seltzers, etc. Rich to email the commissioners the list. Rich explained that starting in 2024 the bottle redemption credit will be 10 cents per bottle, instead of the 5 cents, it is currently. Discussion followed. To be discussed further at next meeting.
2. **Soft Recycling** – Rich reported that he heard that they are no longer collecting soft recycling items in Connecticut. Rich to call to check in West Hartford if this is true or if the program was possibly changed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Battery Recycling** – This will be one of the goals for this fiscal year. Rich requested that the Michael Paulhus, Town Manager will attend an upcoming meeting to discuss further. Rich reported that Andy Cirioli, the new Assistant Town Manager will attend an upcoming meeting. Rich to look into the Battery Recycling container that was discussed previously and bring information to the next meeting with the cost. **ongoing**
- B. **Facebook Site**– The commission would like to update the Facebook Page. They discussed what should be added to the Facebook site.
 - Recycling / Compost pamphlets – Rebecca updated them. They will be sent to the commissioners to approve and then they will be added to the Facebook page.
 - Drug Recycling program – info to be added to Facebook page on bringing unneeded prescription drugs to the Police Department.
- C. **Earth Day** – Jenn Dahlstrom mentioned that Green Recycling in Plainville does Recycling Programs for schools. She thought it might be a nice idea for Earth day. Rich to contact them and see if they would be willing to do a program at Plainville Schools for Earth Day in April.
- D. **Food Scrap Recycling** – George talked about a program he saw starting in Connecticut. To be discussed further during the upcoming meeting with Town Staff to see if it can be done in Plainville.
- E. **Furniture Recycling** – Jenn asked if there are any local companies that do furniture recycling. Rich and Rebecca to see if they can find out any information and then that can also be added to the Facebook page for town residents.

- F. **Trash and Recycling Bins** – Rich reported that the additional trash bins are \$100 (per year). The additional recycling bins are \$50 (one time charge).

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by: R. Ireland to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Seconded by: K. Cole

All in Favor 4 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

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Recording Secretary