

**PLAINVILLE RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMISSION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**

MINUTES

April 13, 2023

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

**Room 200
Municipal Center**

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

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Cirioli, Assistant Town Manager

ABSENT: None

I. ROLL CALL

There was a quorum.

II. GUEST SPEAKERS

Mr. Cirioli, Assistant Town Manager was present to talk to the Commission on the items he is working on for Recycling in Plainville.

1. **HW Green** – Mr. Cirioli reported that HW Green is the contractor that the Town of Plainville is using for metal recycling. The commissioners asked questions on how the residents can get their metal to HW Green. It can be dropped off to them directly or brought to the transfer station.

George Fensick asked about the charge that is being collected at the Transfer Station when residents drop off the metal to be recycled. Mr. Cirioli to check into it and report back at a future meeting.

2. **Simple Recycling** – this program stopped during the pandemic, but will be restarting in Plainville. The commissioners asked questions. Mr. Cirioli to follow up and find out what “gently used” means and get some clarification. Mr. Cirioli to report at a future meeting.
3. **Recycle Coach** – Mr. Cirioli explained that the town opted to upgrade the current recycle coach program. He went over specifics and will report to the commission when it goes “live”.
4. **Battery Recycling** – the commission asked if it is possible to start battery recycling. Mr. Cirioli will talk to the Town Manager, Fire Chief and Fire Marshall for more details, including possible location for a collection box.

5. **Fluorescent bulb recycling** – George Fensick asked if it is possible to start a recycling program for fluorescent light bulbs. Mr. Cirioli to talk to town staff and report findings at a future meeting.
6. **Drug Take Back Program** – Mr. Cirioli reported that a Drug Take Back Program will be held outside the Police Department on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22. Officers will be collecting prescription drugs and recycling them. Mr. Cirioli will be advertising this event on Facebook and the Town Website.
7. **Nip Bottle Recycling** – Kathy Cole asked about “Nip Bottle Recycling”. Mr. Cirioli to look into it and report at an upcoming meeting.
8. **Hazardous Waste Collection** – George Fensick reported that there are long lines when residents wait to recycle hazardous items at local collection sites. Is it possible to do one for Plainville? To reduce the amount of time residents need to wait in line? Mr. Cirioli to look into it and report findings at an upcoming meeting.

III. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

IV. MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the January 13, 2023 minutes as written by:

K. Cole

Seconded by: G. Fensick

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 – Rich to invite HW Green to next meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **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. **Ongoing**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by: R. Ireland to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Seconded by: K. Cole

All in Favor 4 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom

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Recording Secretary