

Beacon Falls Conservation Commission
10 Maple Ave.
Beacon Falls, CT 06403



BEACON FALLS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Workshop Notes
November 3, 2014
(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)

Attendees:

Chairman Diane Betkoski, Vice Chairman Mike Bouchard, Secretary Tanya Gutierro

Due to lack of quorum, it was agreed to turn this meeting time into a workshop.

Discussion:

M. Bouchard reported on his recycling research from the Winters Brothers web site. Residents can put a sticker on any trash bin and will be picked up for recyclables. Winter Brothers sells 100 recycling stickers for \$50. Information on their recycling program is available at www.wintersbrosct.com

The town pays a tipping fee, Winters Bros has sorters going through the trash picked up.

D. Betkoski commented that using stickers on bins and educating people on what can be recycled may increase the town's recycling efforts. She emailed Sharelle Baldwin of DEEP requesting information on any state grants available.

D. Betkoski suggested if new recycling bins could be purchased through a grant, Beacon Falls residents might be more onboard with recycling using a larger container. She commented that the bin should have a lid on it.

M. Bouchard noted that Winter Brothers sells large recycling bins for \$75 each. It was his understanding that there would be a discount for a bulk order.

D. Betkoski suggested including new, larger recycling bins be considered when negotiating the next contract with Winter Brothers.

ACTION: D. Betkoski will email First Selectman Chris Bielik to find out when the next waste removal contract is due to renew and will ask that new recycling bins be considered in a new contract.

D. Betkoski expressed her thanks to M. Bouchard for doing this research on recycling.

M. Melville wished to raise awareness of a safe way to dispose of unwanted medications (prescription and over the counter). There is a drop box in the lobby of the Naugatuck Police Department on Spring Street that is not monitored so anyone can dispose of

unwanted medications at anytime which do not need to be in original containers.

D. Betkoski noted that CT DEEP videos about recycling paint are available at youtube.com and type in ct deep videos.

D. Betkoski and T. Gutierro will attend the CACIWC conference on November 15.

D. Betkoski reminded members to consider possible members for the Conservation Committee. She has sent an email to First Selectman Bielik about posting a notice in the local newspaper to fill the vacancy.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission workshop ended at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Melville
Clerk

CC: Conservation Commission members
Board of Selectmen
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