

TOWN OF MANSFIELD
Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
May 9, 2013

Present: Knox (chair), Coughlin, Roberts, Ames, Kim O'Rourke (guest), Hultgren (staff), Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by chair Knox.

The minutes of the March 14, 2013 meeting were accepted on a motion by Roberts/Ames.

Middletown Recycling Coordinator, Kim O'Rourke, presented the progress that the City of Middletown has made with their commitment to become a zero waste community. Zero waste means diverting 90% or more of the waste stream. Although they are early in the process, Middletown's successes include a city hall waste audit with recommended action plan and an adopted resolution declaring Middletown a zero waste community. First steps for Mansfield might be to adopt a zero waste resolution and establish a plan of action. The committee will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Walton reported that UConn's Give and Go, scheduled for May 9 through 12, was underway. Walton was working with the agencies who would be receiving the donations, and she would be helping with sorting items during the weekend. Knox and Ames volunteered to help sort incoming items.

The committee discussed the new single-family contract, which will need to go out to bid in June. The committee will help evaluate bid responses at the July SWAC meeting. The contract has been revised to allow bids for service the way it is currently delivered and bids for automated service. For automated service, the committee decided to discontinue mini-mini service, since automated collection vehicles are not designed for small cans. In-yard service will be made an optional bid item. Recycling containers will be 64 gallons in size. Maxi service will go up to 96 gallons. For cancellations, containers will need to be retrieved within 48 hours. There will be a charge for a change in service level.

Paintcare, an organization set up by the paint industry to facilitate the new paint recycling law, has promised paint storage bins at the Mansfield Transfer Station in July, when the law is expected to take effect.

Ames reported that the fishing line recycling tubes have been mounted at the following locations: 2 at Eagleville Dam, 1 at Mansfield Hollow, 1 at Bicentennial Pond, 1 at Juniper Lane bridge, 1 at Mount Hope Rd bridge and one at Merrow Rd bridge. Ames has already retrieved a clump of fishing line from one of the containers.

Future agenda items include review of single-family bids and discussion about whether the committee wants to take on a zero waste initiative. The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton
Recycling/Refuse Coordinator