

Middletown Resource Recycling Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2015

Members Present: Monica Belyea, Darrell Gagnon, Alison Johnson, Debbie Stanley, Krishna Winston.

Others Present: Chantal DeArmitt, Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the January 12, 2015 meeting were accepted as presented. Debbie Stanley abstained.

Ms. O'Rourke announced that the Middletown Shred Event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. It will be held at the Water and Sewer Dept. from 9 – 11am. Volunteers will be needed for this event.

Ms. O'Rourke said she was approached by the PaintCare folks (www.paintcare.org) about hosting a paint recycling event in Middletown. They wanted to hold it April 25, as well, so we decided to make it a "Clean out" Day in Middletown where people can recycle their paint (latex and oil based) from 9 – 1pm at Lawrence School and shred their papers 9 – 11am at the Water and Sewer Dept.

Ms. O'Rourke announced that the deadline to purchase rain barrels and compost bins will be May 8. The Distribution Day will be May 16 between 9 – 11 am.

Ms. O'Rourke said she's had several meetings about food waste recycling. There are two facilities being built in Southington. Currently Wesleyan is separating and composting food waste but it is being transported to Ellington. Dainty Rubbish is the transporter and they are interested in having other pick up locations. Ms. O'Rourke is sending a letter to large generators in the City to introduce them to this idea. Ms. Belyea is introducing the idea to the Sanitation Commission. Dainty Rubbish said they would be willing to pilot organics recycling in one of the schools in Middletown. Ms. Belyea suggested that the high school would be great to work with.

Ms. Winston reported that Wesleyan and the City are working together on a River Festival on May 9. The Recycling Commission will have a booth that day and volunteers will be needed.

Ms. Winston also discussed the issue of leaf composting in the City. She felt that the City should consider using the land that was an old quarry near where she lives. Seems like a perfect spot for leaf composting. Members felt this was worth investigating.

Ms. Winston sadly announced the resignation of Julie Isidro.

Swap Shack Schedule

3/11 Krishna
3/18 Krishna
3/21 Chantal
3/25 Monica

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4/1 Alison
4/4 Darrell
4/8 Debbie
4/11 Chantal

Ms. O'Rourke said she met with Harold Panciera today and a representative of Baystate Textiles to discuss putting in clothing boxes at WWMS. The Board of Education has approved the program. Mr. Panciera will maintain and monitor the program. Proceeds from the textile recycling will go to the WWMS recycling fund. Hopefully, the program will be expanded to all the schools and perhaps the community center.

Ms. O'Rourke said she hasn't heard anything from the DEEP consultant. She said the last time she talked to her, she was going to send a one page summary of what they would provide for the City, but she hasn't received anything. She said the consultant did feel that Middletown was complicated.

The Commission will invite Bill Russo to its May 11 meeting. During the April meeting members will discuss what the agenda should be. Items to include are: leaf composting and food waste recycling.

Members briefly discussed the activities happening at St. Pius church and artificial turf.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim O'Rourke
Middletown Recycling Coordinator

Spring Recycling Events

Tuesday, April 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m. – Kim speaks at St. Pius Youth Group

Saturday, April 18, 9 – 12p.m. – St. Pius shred event

Sunday, April 19, 9:45 – 1:30 p.m. – St. Pius Coffee Hour Volunteers needed

Tuesday, April 21, 9am, MxCC Waste Audit

Tuesday, April 21, 4 – 5pm, Talk to MxCC Class

Wed, April 22, 10-12pm – Waste Review at St. Pius

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m.- 11am – Paper Shred Event, Water and Sewer Department, 82 Berlin Road.
Volunteers Needed

Saturday, April 25, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Paint Recycling Event, Lawrence School.

Friday, May 8 – Deadline to order compost bins and rain barrels.

Saturday, May 9, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. River Front Festival Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 16, 9:00 – 11:00 Distribution of rain barrels and compost bins. Volunteers needed.