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MEETING OF THE WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE

Wednesday, February 12, 2020
8:00 A.M.

**Town Hall – First Floor Conference Room
MINUTES**

- I. CALL TO ORDER-** All members present.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Recited
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC-** None
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Waste and Recycling Task Force meeting January 24, 2020.
FORTUNA /O'NELL

Motion to approve Waste & Recycling Task Force meeting minutes January 24, 2020.

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V. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

The First Selectman discussed a variety of topics. They included: the purchase of a machine to handle Styrofoam waste. This is an expensive purchase and there is currently discussion at the State Capital to ban this product so the idea was to wait to see what the legislature does; The First Selectman handed out a Grind to Energy brochure and zip drive for the committee to review. This can be discussed at the next meeting. Regarding used books, it is suggested that we recommend the Book Barn in Niantic for citizens to dispose of their books and also look at clothes disposal bins that sometimes take books; The First Selectman showed the group a PAYT flyer from Greenwich that he will distribute; the First Selectman commented on how Waste Zero made a PAYT presentation to the MIRA board. Next steps to be determined; the First Selectman is working on a revision to the town ordinance governing the transfer station, particularly with regard to dump trucks; a discussion on the necessity or not of having a scale if you have less commercial traffic was had; the First Selectman discussed the potential renovation of the MIRA plant and felt that there were a lot of headwinds to this occurring; The First Selectman left the meeting at 4:40 pm.

A. Jim Therrien presentation- Jim presented the group with the recycling presentation that he has been giving to local groups. The task force encouraged further presentations in the community.

B. Task Force reports

Mr. O'Neill provided the group with a list of all the recycling bins at the transfer station showing the cost/income of each currently charged or earned to date.

The group agreed to prepare ideas and themes to help the process move forward, focusing on community outreach. Diane will research involvement with Sustainable CT and Barry will review possibility of recycling/refunding of deposit containers for next meeting.

C. Next meeting date-March 25 at 4pm.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

O'NELL/BENNI

Motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

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Waste and Recycling Task Force
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Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman