

Recycling and Sanitation Commission
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting
September 30, 2009

Commission Members and Others in Attendance:

Pete Bowlus

Bob Clark (Guest and Representative of Key Sanitation)

Peggy Fleming

Tonya Lee (Guest)

Gene Lichtman (Chairman)

Tom Neff

Steven Stowell – (Guest and representative of St. James Church)

Anna Torre-Smith (Guest and ATS Studios owner)

Mary Van Metre (Member & Town Staff)

Note: Councilwoman Wendi Peters was not present.

1. Chairman Gene Lichtman called the meeting to order.

2. St. James E-Cycle Event

- a. Mr. Stowell noted that St. James Church would like to partner with the town to host e-cycling events
- b. A date has not been set for the next e-cycle event
- c. First e-waste disposal firm offered their services free, but have since gone out of business
- d. At the second event the firm charged a fee and in turn the church had to request money from the people who dropped off electronic items.
- e. St. James feels this is a worthy community service and residents should not be charged to dispose of electronic items.
- f. The Commission noted that if the town would participate with taxpayer's monies, then it should be limited to town residents only and how would this be monitored.
- g. Tom Neff noted he has a contact in Hampstead who will take CPUs, but not the monitors. He will provide the contact information to St. James.
- h. Mary Van Metre noted that Carroll County government was going to have a mobile unit for e-cycle. She gave the information to Mr. Stowell.
- i. Mr. Clark noted that both the Frederick County and Carroll County landfills charge tipping fees for e-cycling and towns do not receive a reduced rate.

3. County Landfill Fees

- a. Carroll County has made the decision to reduce the landfill tipping fees to \$58.
- b. Council liaison Peters has contacted Frederick County to see if they were going to review their tipping fees.
- c. Frederick County tipping fee is \$78.
- d. Council liaison Peters is in discussion to see if Mount Airy could possibly take their trash to Carroll County
- e. Key Sanitation's bid for trash was using the Frederick County tipping fees.

4. Resident Concerns.

- a. An anonymous letter was received regarding yard waste pick-up.
- b. Mr. Clark will discuss with staff and stress to follow the rules for yard waste pick up.

5. Source Reduction Award Program

- a. Frederick County has instituted the award to help on reducing the amount of waste that is generated.
- b. Mary Van Metre will request a copy of the booklet.

6. New Business

- a. Frederick County will be hosting a Hazardous Waste drop off day on October 31.
- b. This is the last fiscal year that Frederick County will allow monies toward the bulk pick up.
- c. The girl scouts will be manning recycling containers at Mt. Airy's Fall fest.

7. Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2009 @ 7pm

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

- Mary Van Metre will request “Mind Your Business” booklet from Frederick County
- Mary Van Metre will contact Carroll County for information on the e-cycle mobile unit.
 - Mary sent the commission members an article from the Carroll County Times regarding the e-cycle.

Peggy Fleming, Secretary