

Litchfield Recycling Committee  
Meeting  
April 14, 2016

Meeting called to order at 4:18 p.m. in the Public Works office by Chairman Jerry Geci.

In attendance: Naomi Boccio, Len Fasano, Jerry Geci, Lee Losee, and David Wilson.

Without corrections the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting were approved.

Earth Day discussion:

Naomi handed out flyers that John Wages had printed. The flyers will be placed at different locations around town and in the schools. Naomi contacted the leaders of the Girl Scouts, and on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the girls will be cleaning up in the Community Field area and Center School. Assignments to roadways and town ares are being made as people call in.

Jerry read a press release he proposed to send to Doug Parker, John McKenna, WZBG, Cable 5, Register Citizen, Republican-American, and Litchfield County Times. All approved.

Len will speak to Dan Fiorillo about having notices posted and announcements made in the schools to encourage participation in the clean-up on Earth Day, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Recycling Bins in Town:

Lee Losee researched the possible purchase of Big Belly solar compactors. Instead of selling them for \$2100, the company has decided to lease these compactors for \$175/month which makes the cost prohibitive. The committee is back to square one but expects to take up this issue again

Recycling in the schools:

Len spoke to the issue of purchasing blue bins for classrooms. During a discussion, members brought up some of the history of this issue and discussed how incentives would help in encouraging participation. All agreed children must be set on the path of making recycling a natural habit. Len will invite David Fiorillo to a future meeting to discuss how we might impliment a fresh program.

Garbage Collection in town:

A brief discussion ensued with mention of the town off Warren's approach, pay-as-you-throw or paying by the bag, and the usual disparity that exists with people paying the same price for trash collection regardless of the amount of trash they generate. Naomi has extensive data from past studies in the files. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Geci