

Town of Litchfield Recycling Committee Meeting

Public Works Department Office

March 1, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jerry Geci at 4:03 p.m. Also present were Naomi Boccio, Leon Losee, and Denise Raap.

Minutes from the February 8th meeting were approved.

Arrangements and coordination of Earth Day to be celebrated on Saturday, April 29th, continue to evolve. Naomi will contact John Wages for pamphlets and maps and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for their help. Jerry will be talking to the principals of LHS and LMS to involve students in the Clean-up on Earth Day. Denise will contact Forman School to have its students participate in the town's Earth Day functions. ELVIS has checked in and will organize a sweep on the E. Litchfield area. Jerry will write an article to distribute to the local media to encourage residents to help clean up their nearby roadways.

Jerry reported on a very positive meeting with school business manager, David Fiorelli. All classrooms and offices in our school system have recycling bins which are cleared on a regular basis by the janitors. Materials (primarily paper products and plastic water bottles) are then placed in containers picked up about twice a month by USA Hauling. Mr. Fiorelli, the head custodian at the Intermediate School, and Jerry toured LIS including a classroom, an office, and the cafeteria. Our buildings are more energy efficient and the recycling ethic is strong.

Jerry said he had submitted the paper work on March 22, 2017, for the Keep America Beautiful and Dr. Pepper Trash Bin Grant with the hope that we may obtain recycling bins for our parks and green. Also, Jerry went to the Sewer Disposal Plant to look at 55 gallon drums that David Wilson thought we might find useful. Jerry agrees and thinks that after we hear about the above grant application, we should give attention to how the 55 gallon drums might be adapted for use in town.

Naomi reported that some residents have dropped off smoke detectors at the Recycling Center which is creating a problem because the radioactive parts make the detectors difficult to dispose. What to do?

Naomi also reported that the pick-up of oil is going through a transition and because companies are now charging fees, she is researching to find the town the best deal for its disposal.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Geci, Chrmn.