

**SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER
Municipal Planning Committee (MPC)**

June 26, 2019

Present (Voting Members):

Janice A. Plaziak – Guilford
Mary Bigelow – North Branford
Mark Paine – West Haven

Brian Ennis – Meriden
Lynn Sadosky – North Haven
Kelly Hammill – Woodbridge

Also Present:

Rob Baltramaitis – Wallingford
Bill Plantamura – Milford
Susan Schott – Wallingford

Anthony DeFula – East Haven
Pam Roach – SCROG
Andy Stafa – North Haven

John McGuire – RWA
Lori Vitagliano – RWA

ABSENT: Bethany, Branford, Fairfield, Hamden, Madison, New Haven, Orange

I. Minutes

An informal meeting took place on June 26, 2019 because a quorum wasn't established.

II. Collection Program Report

L. Vitagliano reported that a total of 1,210 cars have delivered waste to the household hazardous waste facility during the first five weeks of the collection season. This compares to 1,227 cars during the same period in 2018. She added that the collection season is off to a good start and J. McGuire agreed. She reminded the group that each town is responsible for sending helpers for their respective town-helper days. The group exchanged ideas about how to attract helpers. She added that five satellite collections will take place in 2019 and they will be held in Fairfield, Madison, Meriden, Milford and Woodbridge. She reminded the group that the New Haven site remains open on the satellite collection days.

L. Vitagliano informed the group that residents often inquire about how to dispose of expired fire extinguishers and smoke detectors. J. McGuire reported that Clean Harbors will properly dispose of fire extinguisher and the cost is \$17.00 to \$30.00 per item, depending on the size. The group agreed that each municipality should handle this item at the local level. P. Roach said she will email information about a company that will provide boxes for the collection of smoke detectors and accept them via mail, for a fee.

III. Outreach and Advertisement

L. Vitagliano reported that the 2019 opening advertisement included a print ad in the New Haven Register and a weekly ad in the local newspapers. In addition, social media announcements took place on Twitter. Also, an ad was placed in the New Haven Register to announce that the center was closed for the Memorial Day holiday weekend and an ad will be placed on July 5 to announce that the center will be closed on July 6. Discussion took place about printed flyers and L. Vitagliano asked the group if they want to her to reprint the bi-fold, non-dated brochure. The group agreed that there is no need to reprint the brochure, they prefer to use the dated flyer.

IV. Other

a. Household Hazardous Waste Contract

L. Vitagliano reported that the current contract with Clean Harbors is a two-year term which will expire on November 30, 2019 and there are three, 1-year renewal options. She noted that current trends in the industry have not changed, therefore she plans to proceed to grant a one year extension to Clean Harbors. She added that the term will be at the same conditions and pricing. There were no questions from the group and they agreed to the extension.

b. Pharmaceutical Waste

L. Vitagliano asked the group how they handle unwanted pharmaceutical waste in their community. Participants indicated that most police departments have a locked box for their residents to properly and safely dispose of unwanted pharmaceutical. In addition, the DEA may sponsor annual, one-day collections. Discussion took place about the possibility of HazWaste Central accepting this waste and the group agreed that each municipality should handle it locally.

c. HazWaste Central Municipal Three Year Membership Resolutions

L. Vitagliano reminded the group that the current membership resolutions will expire on June 30, 2020. Three-year membership resolutions will be mailed to each community in September. Each MPC member will also receive a copy and they should work within their towns to be sure the resolution is presented to their local legislative body. In addition, she asked the group to ensure that their respective municipality has an official HazWaste Central Municipal Planning Committee (MPC) representative and alternate voting member. She added that many municipal participants are attending the MPC meetings, however they're unable to count toward a quorum because they aren't appointed by the mayor or first selectmen.

d. Regional Services Information

Pam Roach informed the group about various regional services that are available to help municipal recycling and waste reduction efforts. She will email Lori information to forward to the group about the programs.

The meeting concluded at 10:50