

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

**June 23, 2020
Remote Meeting**

An informal meeting took place because a quorum was not established.

Present (Voting Members):

Mike Zembruski – Fairfield

Brian Ennis – Meriden

Mary Bigelow – North Branford

Janice A. Plaziak – Guilford

Mark DeCola - New Haven

Lynn Sadosky – North Haven

ALSO PRESENT:

Joe DeRisi – Hamden

Christopher Tobia – New Haven

Bill Plantamura – Milford

Lori Vitagliano – RWA

ABSENT: Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Madison, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, Woodbridge

I. Collection Program Update

Collection Day Helpers Update

L. Vitagliano provided an update about the changes that were implemented since opening the collection center on Saturday, May 30, 2020. She indicated that the collection operation is following social distancing practices and additional safety procedures to protect the health of our customers and employees. She informed the group that signs are placed along the traffic pattern indicating delivery instructions, participating member towns, the sign-in website and sign-in QR code to minimize interaction with customers. Paper forms are eliminated, and all customers are required to sign-in online from their computer or smart phone. A Smartsheet form is being used, saying that the mechanism is already functional and we know it provides the necessary municipal participation data.

She also noted that volunteers are not assisting with directing traffic or helping incoming residents on collection days as we have in the past. She also informed the group that an agreement has been reached with Clean Harbors Environmental Services whereby they are providing two additional workers to help greet incoming residents and verify the type and quantity of waste being dropped off. Clean Harbors will provide this service for free until July 1, 2020, at which time this service and its cost will be evaluated. The weekly cost for this service is approximately \$750. per week.

Discussion took place and the group acknowledges the benefit of having Clean Harbors provide this service and agreed that HazWaste Central should continue with this practice, agreeing to pay the weekly amount, if it is required. The group also suggested that this cost should be evenly, allocated among the participating communities.

The group expressed their gratitude to the RWA for their commitment to the program, especially for redesigning it during the pandemic and being able to continue providing this much-needed service.

Weekly Participation

Since opening on May 30, for the 2020 collection season 1,294 households delivered household hazardous wastes, and this compares to 997 for the same period in 2019.

Scheduled Satellite Collections

The group discussed the scheduled satellite collections taking place beginning in August. Fairfield noted that they plan to hold their scheduled collection.

II. Program Update

Membership and Resolutions

L. Vitagliano reported that Cheshire is re-joining the program beginning on July 1, 2020. There were no comments.

III. Approval of Account Signatures

There was no action taken on this topic because a quorum was not established.

IV. Advertisement and Outreach Update

L. Vitagliano reported to the group that print advertisement is being scheduled for July. Saying that social media was used to let the public know about the May opening.

She also said she has filmed six videos about the HazWaste Central program and they're being shared on RWA's HazWaste Central website. Some members of the group have already linked their municipal website to HazWaste Central.

Discussion took place about print advertisement. The group asked for an updated version of the HazWaste information poster this year, saying that they give it out to residents asking for program information.

The meeting concluded at 10:15 a.m.