

Henniker Recycling Committee  
Final Meeting Minutes  
8/13/08

In attendance were members Lia Houk, Joan O'Connor, John Kjellman, Amanda Gilman and Cheryl Morse, Selectperson representative.

Chairperson Lia Houk called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm.

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

- a) Motion passed to approve the meeting minutes from 4/9/08. Lia Houk to track down the draft minutes from the 5/08 meeting and minutes for 6/11/08 will be presented at the next HRC committee meeting 9/08.
- b) Discussion ensued around the new town regulations to have draft minutes submitted to the within 5 days, with Amanda Gilman agreeing to take minutes for this meeting. Also discussed was the need to continue posting the agenda 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**2. Membership updates:** Joan O'Connor just recently got sworn in again and members Dale Clement and Lia Houk are due to renew soon.

**3. Old Home Days Update:** Recycling efforts during Old Home Days (OHD) were a success with stations posted during all three days of events. Committee members as well as a few other volunteers took the recycling bins to the dump themselves. Plan to continue the effort next year at OHD with more emphasis on signage and a banner to attract more attention.

**4. Distribution of Recycling Bins in Town:** Currently only the baseball field behind the Town Hall has had a recycling bin during sporting events and it was run unofficially by Susan Knapton. It was decided that the recycling bins used by the committee for OHD could be used throughout the year at the athletic fields as a Pilot study to see if they would be used. The discussion involved the 3 most heavily used fields for the fall, both of the Old Concord Road Fields and the Henniker Community School Fields. Plan to discuss this further for implementation at the next meeting 9/08. Additionally questions were raised regarding the college athletic fields and other special events. Cheryl Morse to put Lia Houk in contact with Mark McMurphy who runs the town athletic committee.

**5. Solid Waste Disposal Committee (SWDC) Update:** John Kjellman reported that the SWDC is making good progress having made site visits to Wheelabrator and to the Henniker Transfer Station and had a guest speaker for the next meeting from DES. HRC committee members Lia Houk and Amanda Gilman who were unable to attend these site visits with the SWDC expressed interest in doing so with Joan O'Connor in September. Amanda Gilman to talk to Bob Pennock to plan a trip for the HRC in September.

**6. Letter in Support of UNH Community Assessment:** Motion passed to submit a letter of support to the planning board per their request. Lia Houk to write and submit the letter this week.

**7. Henniker Household Waste Day (HHWD) Mailing:** Town collection at the Henniker Transfer Station to be held on 9/20/08. The upcoming date is too close to get

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advertisements in the Henniker Community Outlook, so Joan O'Connor proposed a town mailing to promote it. Joan O'Connor to talk to Peter Flynn for funding support for this mailing.

**8. Website:** The HRC website is inactive at this time. Other forms of communication such as the Villager and Henniker Outlook seemed better forms of dispersing information at this time. Plan to reconsider updating the website at a future date.

**9. Articles for the Villager:** Members reported that the most recent article in the Outlook had been well received and future articles in the Villager would be a good idea.

**10. New Business:**

- a) Agreed upon need for improved recycling signage at the Transfer Station. Amanda Gilman to talk to Bob Pennock to see how the HRC could help facilitate this.
- b) Recycling at the upcoming Chili Fest was a concern. Cheryl Morse to contact the Rotary club to discuss.
- c) Joan O'Connor contacted NEC president Michele Perkins about any recycling done by the College. She received a letter back stating what the college is currently doing in the way of recycling. Pointed out was that the trash hauler used by NEC also hauls for Colby Sawyer College and does all of their recycling as well. To be discussed at the next meeting.
- d) Article from the Concord Monitor presented by Joan O'Connor about NH Ski Areas going green. Pats Peak was not included in the article. Plan to discuss this further at a future date. This also brought up discussion about the many businesses in town and what is done with their solid waste. Naughton and Sons one of the private haulers in town is currently building a recycling center. Amanda Gilman to talk to George Naughton to gather more information.
- e) Harvester Market reported in its recent advertisement that it now recycles 50% of its waste.
- f) Plan to discuss in the future an award that the HRC could present to local business supporting Green initiatives and recycling.
- g) Next meeting planned for 9/10/08 at 7:30 pm. Amanda Gilman to post a sign on the grange door to notify the public of this change from the usual time of 7:00.

**11.** Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.