



MINUTES
for the
City of Fitchburg
Resource Conservation Commission
August 20, 2014 Meeting

RCC and Staff Members Present: Steve Arnold, Kia Stearn, Diane Streck, Samuel Cooke, Chris Jimieson, Rick Eilertson

RCC Members Absent and Excused: Jan Kucher, Tony Hartmann

Others Present: Luke Lippert

1. Call to Order

- Diane called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. Appointment of Timekeeper

- In Jan's absence, Diane asked Chris to be Timekeeper.

3. Public Appearances on Non-Agenda Items – none

4. Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2014, RCC Meeting

- *Samuel moved to approve the Minutes. Chris seconded. Diane pointed out a typo. The Minutes were approved as amended.*

5. New Business

5.a. Resolution R-81-14 – Approving A Contract for 2015-2019 Solid Waste Collection Services

- *Steve moved to recommend approval of the Resolution R-81-14. Samuel seconded.*
- Diane summarized her correspondence with Pellitteri regarding the option for bulk plastic items collection and Pellitteri's research for using compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel in the future. Diane pointed out that bulk plastics take up room in a landfill and never break down and encouraged the City to seize the opportunity to recycle them. Discussion occurred on public information and education on recyclables that Fitchburg should continue working on as well as encouraging private condominium associations to join the city's collection contract.
- *Steve moved to add the bulk plastics collection at Fitchburg's Recycling Drop Off Site option to the contract. Samuel seconded. The Motion was passed.*
- *The original Motion to recommend approval of Resolution R-81-14 was passed.*

5.b. Begin Discussing 2015 Projects

- Diane reviewed the RCC Project List compiled earlier in 2014 and summarized correspondence she received from Jan and Tony regarding their priorities
- Members provided a few updates and decided to continue this discussion in September
- **Action Items:**
 - Diane will circulate an updated Project List
 - Members will review the Project List for projects they'd like to lead or add or delete from the list.

5.c. Fall/Winter 2014 Fitchburg Star Articles

- Diane relayed communication she had with Jim Ferolie, editor for the Fitchburg Star, indicating that the Star is very receptive to printing of RCC's articles. Jim said they will print them if they can, and treat time-sensitive articles accordingly. Deadline is the first Friday of the month, but they prefer to get articles earlier if possible. Jim said articles over 700 words need prior discussion. Diane suggested keeping 500-550 words as a target. Diane also suggested submitting the articles with either the RCC logo or the green leaf logo used recently in the Fitchburg Update.
- Members agreed to provide at least 7 articles/year, one from each member.
- Steve volunteered to write an article on recyclable items for the September issue. Other article ideas, based on priorities expressed by Jan and Tony are chloride (salt use) reduction - Jan and battery recycling - Tony.
- **Action Item:** Members should think of a topic on which they'd like to provide an article.

6. Unfinished Business

6.a. Green Thursday Event(s)

- Diane reviewed the 2014-15 Green Thursdays schedule provided by Rebecca Swanson (Fitchburg Reference Librarian). RCC will use April 2, 2015 for its annual event and provide a speaker. Steve proposed "Green Complete Streets" for the theme for the 2015 RCC Event and suggested inviting a City of La Crosse staff member to present.
- **Action Item:** Chris will coordinate a Community Outreach Subcommittee meeting with Rebecca to discuss promotion of the upcoming events.

6.b. Stream Sampling Update

- Steve provided an update on the stream sampling monitoring and mentioned the next sampling is Thurs., Aug. 21st at 7:30am.

7. Council Update

- Discussion occurred on Common Council related topics.

8. Staff Update

8.a. Solid Waste Update

- Rick provided an update on the Compost Facility permit approval process with DNR staff and explained that the permit application included a request to process source separated organics (SSOs).

8.b. Stormwater Update – No discussion

- Rick noted the PermiTrack system for tracking Erosion Control and Stormwater Management (ECSWM) permits seems to be working well. Staff is contemplating requiring a special sign, similar to the example shown in the packet, at project sites for the public to see contact information for the project.

8.c. Sustainability Update – Rick mentioned the interviews for candidates for the Sustainability Specialist position were scheduled for Thurs., Aug. 21st.

9. Announcements

9.a. Next Meeting – September 15, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room

10. Adjournment – 8:23 pm