



MINUTES
for the
City of Fitchburg
Resource Conservation Commission
September 15, 2014 Meeting

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

Others Present: Erika Kluetmeier

1. Call to Order

- Diane called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

2. Appointment of Timekeeper

- Jan was appointed Timekeeper.

3. Public Appearances on Non-Agenda Items – Rick introduced Erika Kluetmeier, the incoming Sustainability Specialist.

4. Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2014, RCC Meeting

- *Steve moved to approve the Minutes. Kia seconded. The Minutes were approved.*

5. New Business

5.a. Resolution R-90-14 – A Resolution to Set the 2015 Solid Waste Collection Rates

- *Steve moved to recommend approval of the Resolution R-90-14. Samuel seconded. Rick noted that the costs for block polystyrene and bulk plastics dumpsters at Fitchburg's Recycling Drop Off Site were not included in the spreadsheet analysis costs. If the RCC and Common Council wanted these included in the 2015 costs, the unit cost listed in the resolution should be amended from \$140/unit/year to \$142/unit per year. Steve moved to amend the motion to \$142.00/unit/year. Samuel seconded. The Motion on amending the resolution from \$140/unit/year to \$142/unit/year passed unanimously.*
- *The Motion to recommend approval of Resolution R-90-14 as amended was passed.*

5.b. Review brush collected by Collection – Discussion occurred on the suggestion to add one yardwaste collection in exchange for deleting one brush collection in 2015. Members decided to keep the number of brush collections at 14/year and yardwaste collections at 4/year for now, and review again after September brush collection information is available. It was also decided to promote both brush and yardwaste collections.

5.c. Local Clean Sweep Grant Application – Diane explained the background of the grant application and the purpose for it. Discussion ensued on whether to hold and apply for one or two events. The majority of members agreed to apply for two events: one in Spring and one in Fall to coincide with the Electronics Recycling and Shred Day Events.

6. Unfinished Business

6.a. Continue Discussing 2015 Projects

- Diane reviewed the spreadsheet listing RCC-proposed projects. Members provided input on projects in which they were willing to be the contact or lead person.
- **Action Item:** Diane will circulate an updated Project List.

6.b. Fall/Winter 2014 Fitchburg Star Articles

- RCC members volunteered to write the following articles over the next 9-10 months:
 - Diane - Spring Green Clean-Up or Small Engine Pollution
 - Jan – Composting/Digesters
 - Tony – Battery Recycling
 - Chris – Solid Waste Conference Updates & brush/yardwaste calendar
 - Samuel – Water Conservation

In addition, Diane suggested Erika write an article (What's New for 2015?) introducing and including a link to the 2015 calendar, highlighting recycling changes (bulk plastic, alkaline batteries) and brush and yardwaste collections for publication in the December issue.

6.c. Green Thursday Event(s)

- Diane reported that the September film was 2 hours long and conflicted with the Packers-Seahawks football game. As a result, attendance was low. The film was shown in the Children's storyroom because the other rooms were already booked.
- **Action Item:** Chris will contact Rebecca Swanson to discuss scheduling suggestions for the October event and room reservations for future Green Thursdays.

7. Council Update

- Discussion occurred on Common Council related topics.

8. Staff Update

8.a Solid Waste Update

- Steve commended staff on the proactive planning for the Compost Facility Permitting to include the potential for source-separated organics.

8.b. Stormwater Update – No discussion

8.c. Sustainability Update – No discussion

9. Announcements

- Jan reported that Madison's proposed anaerobic organics digester has been pushed back another year. He also mentioned Dane County has compost available.
- Diane reminded members of the October 25th E-cycle and Shred day.

9.a. Next Meeting – November 17, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Meeting Room

10. Adjournment – 8:46 pm