

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2012

Present: George Murray, Vickie Davis, Michael Samson, Joyce Noll

Rural Rover

“Rural Rover” is a satellite household hazardous waste collection program. Vickie has applied for a USDA grant to conduct a rural satellite program in the Upper Valley.

Mike Samson, Canaan Town Manager, has already laid the groundwork to do satellite collections in the Canaan area. The Canaan Selectboard has approved the plan, Mike has a budget, vehicles to collect and transport the hazardous waste, and certified personnel. After the removal of all recyclable materials, the waste will be trucked to Rutland, VT. In addition to Canaan, Mike will be able to accommodate six more towns. Mike was quite definite in stating that Canaan would profit monetarily from the collections.

Vickie is concerned about the possibility of towns who have committed to collections at the Lebanon Landfill pulling out and joining the Canaan satellite program, thus increasing the cost to those towns using the Lebanon HHW collection program.

Latex Paint Project

Joyce reported the results from conversations with area local paint sellers. Employees at businesses selling paint appear to be informed on the proper disposal of latex paint, and instruct customers on disposal options when asked. They do sell latex paint hardening products. They were receptive to displaying information on latex paint disposal.

Other Business

George will meet with Tom Kennedy (Southern Windsor County RPC) to discuss HHW issues and to assess the status/condition of the permanent HHW facility constructed at the Hartford waste/recycling facility in the 1990s, and never used for its intended purpose.

Next Meeting Date - February 15 **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

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APRIL 18, 2012

Present: George Murray, Vickie Davis, Elise Angelillo, Joanne Gradijan, Joyce Noll

HOME SHOW RECAP

The home show reportedly went very well. The large map listing towns participating in HHW collections and corresponding dates and locations continues to be a good draw, and an effective way to engage people in conversation. The bean bag toss captured children's attention when presented with the opportunity to participate. Vickie will count the raffle tickets to find out the number of people filling out the questionnaire.

The HHW sign was not displayed due to the short booth walls and the fact that the sign is too big and too heavy. Vickie voiced her long-held opinion (shared by others) that the committee needs a new name. Our focus is not solely household hazardous wastes, but, more importantly, educating the public in the use of non-toxic alternatives. Vickie suggested Upper Valley Household Toxics Committee. She will email our volunteer list for additional suggestions. George offered to pay for a smaller, lighter sign.

Home Show 2013 focus will be on gardening and lawn care. Emerging ideas: hand out small bags of organic fertilizer and seeds.

HHW COLLECTIONS at the LEBANON LANDFILL - JULY 21 and OCTOBER 20

George will again have a special collection site for motor oil, fluorescent bulbs and automotive batteries.

Waste checkers will collect mercury-containing devices, button batteries and rechargeable batteries.

Handouts - A packet of educational materials will be given to each participant by the person directing traffic at the entrance to the collection.

Volunteers - Joanne, Elise, Sal and Joyce have signed on for the July collection. Joyce will arrange for additional volunteers.

Status of Hartford, VT HHW facility - The building is fully equipped to accept and store HHW but it will require work to bring the building back up to standards. The town of Hartford asked

the GUVSWD to pay for the work, but they do not have the funds, and secondly, the building is owned by Hartford (who is not a member of the GUVSWD.) In addition, Hartford would charge more money for disposal than a private contractor. So, the building remains unused, and never used for the purpose for which it was originally built.

A question arose as to whether a HHW collection could be scheduled in May or June. George responded that a lot of people call the landfill in early spring asking about collections. Vickie said that collection dates are related to the UVLSRPC's fiscal year. She will inquire if a change in dates is a possibility for next year.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

The Hanover Co-op Expo is an opportunity we may consider next year, depending on the date of the event. This past year, it took place two weeks after the home show.

Lake Association summer meetings - Joanne, who lives on Crystal lake, volunteered to represent the committee at the Crystal Lake annual meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 4:30 pm. At the Lebanon Landfill

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

Present: George Murray, Vickie Davis, Ed Denike, Steve Teeter, Joyce Noll

July HHW Collection - 256 cars participated, representing 279 households

October 20th HHW Collection - Conduct of collection will be similar to July collection. (see the minutes of the April 18th meeting for how special items, ex. oil, fluorescent bulbs, etc., will be handled.) It is important to remind participants that most of these items are accepted at the Lebanon landfill during regular operating hours.

Volunteers - Joyce is organizing the volunteers. Steve Teeter offered to help the entire morning of the collection.

HOME SHOW - One volunteer at the 2012 home show was upset because he felt that it was poorly run; no one stopped at the booth. This did not coincide with the committee members experience. It was recognized that people do not necessarily stop; you have to draw them in and engage them in a conversation. You have to be proactive.

Theme/topic for 2013: household toxics and gardening

USDA GRANT - Vickie received a USDA grant, which started October 1. The funds will be directed toward several initiatives: composting; household hazardous waste satellite collections; and a marketing program to teach people not to purchase household toxic products.

LOS ANGELES HHW CONFERENCE - Vickie learned at the conference that the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association has consultants who could speak to schools about their hazardous waste and proper disposal methods.

NEXT MEETING DATE - Tuesday, November 20th, at 4:30 at the Lebanon Landfill