

Sag Harbor CAC minutes for the November 4th, 2011 meeting

Attendees: Sam Holmes, Priscilla Ciccariello, Lauraine Freethy, Valerie Justin, John N Linder

Guest: Christine Fetten, Town Director of Facilities Management

We invited Christen Fetten here today to learn about her job description in the new position as Town Director of Facilities Management and the scope of her management tasks. Also to address our specific concerns in regards to the local Sag Harbor recycling center and finally Town wide recycling issues.

Facilities management as we learned for the Town of Southampton encompasses the following:

- Building Maintenance & Facilities Management
- Engineering
- Intermodal Transportation
- Waste Management

Building Maintenance & Facilities Management is responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness and functionality of general Town facilities. The Division researches and develops proposals for improvements to Town facilities, identifies equipment or systems that require repair, replacement or upgrade, determines the costs for such work and researches and recommends viable alternatives as needed. The Division utilizes Town staff and outside vendors to perform maintenance and repairs to existing buildings, equipment, and provides quality janitorial services. You may reach the Building Maintenance & Facilities Management by calling (631) 702-1915.

Engineering mission is to ensure that development within the Town complies with standards for design and construction. The Division also provides the highest level of professional and courteous service to the public. You may reach the Engineering Division by calling (631) 702-1750.

Intermodal Transportation the Intermodal Transportation Division coordinates the activities of the Southampton Town Transportation Commission. The division head for this office serves as the Executive Director of the Commission. The Transportation Commission consists of 11 members of the community appointed by the Town Board. The Commission is charged with advising the Town Board on transportation related matters, including the' Transportation Elements' portion of the Town Comprehensive Plan.

Waste Management is headquartered out of the North Sea Transfer Station and oversees all four Transfer Stations throughout the Town. The phone numbers for the Transfer Stations are as follows:

North Sea Transfer Station	(631) 283-5210
Hampton Bays Transfer Station	(631) 728-5078

Westhampton Transfer Station (631) 288-5236
Sag Harbor Transfer Station (631) 725-3097

Our concerns with recycling and waste disposal as a CAC were articulated by Sam Holmes and include the following:

1. Hazardous waste like fluorescent light bulbs containing mercury are to be turned in on "Hazardous Waste Days" to be then taken to Home Depot in Riverhead
2. Plastics #3, PVC, are toxic and should be placed in the "green bags."
3. Batteries for motor vehicles hearing aids watches and computers should not be placed in garbage but returned to the retailers who sell them
4. Electronic waste such as computers, televisions, copiers, monitors, CRT's, plasma screens, fax machines, speakers, LCD screens and printers should all be turned in at the North Sea or Hampton Bays recycling center.

Our concern here is how many residents of Southampton town are aware of these specific rules for these toxic materials and not just wrongly placing them in the green bags or the comingled container bins?

Also that the four times a year pick up schedule for hazardous waste at the Sag Harbor recycling center is so infrequent as to encourage improper disposal of these very toxic materials. It is just unlikely that residents will travel to Westhampton or Hampton Bays to discard one or two fluorescent light bulbs, for example.

We would suggest that both the North Sea Transfer Station and the Hampton bays transfer station be open to hazardous waste at all times. Also an improved system of communicating to the public what hazardous wastes are and how they are to be properly disposed of. This information in some sort of flyer format could be provided to summer renters through real estate agents and others so that seasonal visitors know the rules. And finally an educational format of some sort for transfer station employees so they can better answer waste disposal questions.

We are grateful to Christine Fetten for her time and attention to these very important matters.

The meeting was adjourned.

John N Linder, Chairperson