

**Environmental Quality Commission**  
**January 6, 2015**  
**Newington Town Hall**  
**Conference Room #2**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Chairman Fox.
- 2) Present were: Commissioner Camillo, Chairman Fox, Vice Chairman Horan, Commissioner Interlandi, Commissioner Ramstad, Commissioner Slater.
- 3) Minutes of the meeting on 12-02-2014 were read and accepted.
- 4) Commissioner Camillo noted that a DOT engineer had drafted plans to bring Jordan Lane to Hartford Avenue. Details are below in New Business.
- 5) No public participation
- 6) Committee reports
  - a. Rob Hillman was not present to give a report, but Chairman Fox relayed the message that no significant progress had been made in transforming the landfill into a transfer station. A new program to recycle textiles was discussed. It was noted that most of the recycled textiles would be shredded, baled and sold by the vendor. See attached for description of eligible textiles
  - b. Commissioner Interlandi reported that the next Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting would be on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Commissioner Slater reported that he and Chairman Fox met with the principals at C & C Automotive to discuss their complaint regarding fugitive dust from the Balf plant. A decision was made for Chairman Fox to speak to Mayor Woods and/or Town Manager Salomone and get some guidance for action that would be taken after the holidays. Chairman Fox has been playing telephone tag with the Mayor.
- 7) New Business
  - a) The plan to activate Jordan Lane was discussed and Commissioner Camillo was assigned to follow up.
- 8) Old Business

- a. Commissioner Slater reported that he spoke with the Building Facilitator and discussed the town's plans for solar panels and other cost saving energy sources. He also reported that they discussed the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at various locations around town. He noted that, when the issue was discussed at the Town Council, there may have been some opposition. Commissioner Camillo noted that there were no regulations requiring approval or prohibiting such devices. The consensus was that charging stations should be constructed and electric vehicle owners would be able to charge their batteries, at no cost, while shopping.
  - b. Commissioner Horan reported that he and Chairman Fox drafted a letter that would be sent to each of the elementary school principals suggesting environmental programs and specifically an Earth Day project commemorating the late John O'Connell, a Newington Resident, who began the Earth Day tradition. It was noted that the State Legislature designated the Town of Newington an Earth Trustee. Chairman Fox is to contact Middle School and High School principals in order to ask them to designate student liaisons to our commission.
- 9) Since there was no other business and no public participation the meeting was adjourne at approximately 7:50 pm.

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Michael J. Fox, Chair