



H·R·R·A
www.hrra.org

Old Town Hall
162 Whisconier Road
Brookfield, CT 06804

203.775.6256 x304
203.740.9167
info@hrra.org

r e d u c e | r e u s e | r e c y c l e

Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, April 3, 2008, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

The meeting came to order at 10:40 a.m. with eight members present: L. Delp, P. Ross, W. Lionetti, S. Von Holt, T. Yonsky, A. Oddo, R. Byrnes and C. Reedy. On a motion by S. Von Holt, second by W. Lionetti, the minutes of March 6, 2008 were unanimously approved.

Poster contest final report – The poster contest award ceremony will take place tonight, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. at the Union Savings Bank Galleria on Main Street in Danbury. All but one of the 33 regional winners will attend. Thanks to everyone who did so much in each community to make the contest a success.

Update on Nike Reuse-a-Shoe – Sherman's program is making good strides and has collected a lot of shoes already. Middle Gate Intermediate School in Newtown has also indicated they will be participating as well.

There was also discussion about a cell phone recycling program in which old phones pre-programmed to connect to 911 are given to senior citizens. S. Von Holt discussed the projects New Milford is planning based on their selection as a Keep America Beautiful community. C. Reedy noted that she would be happy to add such events to the HRRRA website if they are sent to her.

Update on AAC Private, Municipal and State Recycling, JFS 5138 – This bill is moving through the legislature and contains lots of exciting things for recycling in the State, including requiring the DEP to implement a statewide recycling public education campaign and requiring all state facilities to put recycling containers next to trash containers. There are also 3 different types of pilot programs with grants for municipalities who apply and are selected. The pilots include looking at single stream recycling, pay as you throw unit-based pricing garbage collection and the effect of providing containers in public spaces on recycling. Municipalities are asked to update their recycling container needs and be ready to compete in at least one of the pilot programs if the bill passes.

Effects of CT's E-waste recycling law on municipalities and school districts – The new CT e-waste law will take effect on January 1, 2009. It requires municipalities to provide no cost accessible and convenient recycling for covered residential electronics devices, i.e. computers, monitors, printers and televisions only. The costs of the program will be paid by electronics

manufacturers. Municipal and school computers are not included under the legislation nor are computers from commercial sources. At their March meeting HRRRA members decided to pursue a regional collection program with a single vendor. Although there will be local collection points in each municipality or at least at each transfer station, the hope was that a vendor who was awarded a regional contract would agree to take municipal and school computers as well at no charge to the municipalities and perhaps even non-covered electronics devices. C. Reedy will be meeting with local public works directors in early summer to develop a regional plan and go out for proposals for a certified electronics recycler vendor.

Planning for new regional recycling program – HRRRA members will hold a half day retreat in late May to develop the outline of a new regional recycling program to take effect in 2011 when the current contract with RTI expires. Some of the items that will be considered are single stream recycling adding items such as all plastics and all paper products to curbside collection; regional adoption of the Newtown model of funding of recycling collection through the tax base with a franchise to private collectors, pay as you throw pricing for trash collection, and rebates to municipalities and schools based on the tonnage of recycling the produce. Task Force members generally liked the concept of single stream recycling but had concerns about how paying for recycling collection through taxes would work with so many other competing demands on local budgets. W. Lionetti noted that a more convenient collection method must be developed for all the CFL bulbs being sold. Once a year collection with household hazardous waste will not be sufficient in the long term.

RFP for school and municipal recycling and solid waste collection contracts – Task Force members said that their municipalities either went out to bid in late spring for collection contracts for the following fiscal year or had only month to month contracts. Each municipality was asked to provide the name and contact information for their town and school purchasing agent to C. Reedy so that she could get the group together to discuss a model RFP in which costs would decrease based upon the volume of recycling produced.

Issues raised by members – R. Byrnes asked how CDs can be recycled.

Without objection the meeting adjourned at Noon.

The next meeting of the Regional Recycling Task Force will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2008, 10:30 a.m. at the Brookfield Town Hall second floor conference room.