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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2012, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. Those present included, C. Loudon (NF), B. Sullivan (BK), E. Rossini (NE), T. Tibolla (BK), D. DeMuth (BE/BOE), M. Pascento (SH/BOE), E. Ratcliffe (NE/BOE), C. Reedy (HRRRA) and J. Iannucci (HRRRA) and guests, F. Ventrella (BE)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by E. Rossini, second by B. Sullivan, to approve the minutes of January 5, 2012 as presented.

Vote: All voting in favor.

Discuss the SMART Program

C. Reedy continued the discussion regarding SMART programs that began at the January RRTF meeting. From a Municipality point of view most Transfer Stations are already engaged in a SMART program. When renewing contracts, Transfer Stations should go by the weight not the pull. There are no incentives to reduce MSW without using a weight system. C. Loudon commented that without a pull system it's difficult to forecast expenses for annual budget purposes. Weight is too variable. C. Reedy responded the more success there is in implementing the SMART program, because it is based on weight, the more likely it will cost the towns less. The hauler saves money, therefore the Municipality saves money, it's a win win for all.

Towns should not be paying more than the HRRRA rates at \$28.50 per ton for Recycling and \$82.29 for MSW. Perhaps the Task Force could collect the rates each town is paying in the region to compare and use as a tool in planning. This could be used for future RFP's and to create a template useful for the Town Purchasing agents. It may also be advantageous for all the regions Purchasing Agents to come together to discuss their current contracts. There is a state organization that can help assist in the process. Contracts with haulers should be consistent through-out the region making the language, insurance, and any other requirements haulers need standard across the board to do business with the town(s). The Bid package should be universal.

In replace of a RRTF Meeting, there could be a meeting with all the purchasing agents (towns/schools) where information can be shared and discussed regarding how each does business. This could also be a place where an RFP model could be developed.

If you've already rolled your contracts, than it will be too late to change, but not too late to participate in the meeting for future planning. All standard garbage contracts have a 90 day notice policy, or it auto renews for the term.

Pharmacy label for the Drug Take Back Programs

A. Cordano sent C.Reedy an update on the Ridgefield Pharmacy Take-Back program. She reported the RI police station has a vault approximately 17x17x42” that is bolted to the floor. It has a double lock that requires two police officers to open. When items are removed they are placed into cardboard boxes and ultimately taken to Wheelabrator to be incinerated. The estimated cost of the unit was \$1000. It would be good if we could have 3-4 locations throughout our region for residents.

2012 Poster Contest

11,000 copies of the poster contest flyer have been sent out to area schools. The NewsTimes published a 5x5 ad along with the poster flyer insert in early January. There has been positive feedback on the flyer and the use of cardstock. Questions regarding who receives the \$1000 prize when the student does not come from a school. What would happen in the event the child who wins the Grand Prize participated through a Boys and Girls Club or something alike? For this year, we will only open it for discussion if it occurs. The poster contest rules for regarding this prize money will be reviewed at next year’s poster contest planning meeting.

J. Iannucci along with Peter Prunty and HRRRA board member, Joel Urice met with the Danbury Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Bill Glass. They presented the poster and video contest to the Mr. Glass and asked for his support. Mr. Glass explained why Danbury Schools no longer participate in the poster contest and the burden it places on their teachers. However, he was very positive and responsive to the video contest and will move to implement it into the school curriculum in some way.

Video Contest

The video contest has been posted on the HRRRA website and is ready for Coordinators to begin distributing to communities.

Town by town report on 2011 goal achievement and goals set for 2012

C. Loudon (NF) plans on speaking with John Hodge and will submit goals shortly via email.

Town of Bethel, Public Schools, Goals for 2011-2012 as reported by D. DeMuth

- Film and broadcast student television show to raise awareness for recycling
- Advertise and coordinate proper disposal of prescription medications with the appropriate agency (to be determined)
- Have each principal set his or her own school’s recycling initiative for the future.
- Participate in the First Annual Recycling Video Contest.
- Participate in the GOT BOOKS fundraising program
- Continued participation in HRRRA hazardous waste day collections
- Continued participation in annual recycling poster and awareness program
- Continued collection and recycling of bottles and cans in all schools cafeterias
- Ongoing disposal of electronic equipment through e-recycle
- Use a paper trays in High School and Middle School cafeterias
- School website has been updated to inform public of use of green cleaning products
- Including statements on each bid spec stating preference for use of recycle products and would like to do business with companies that recycle and otherwise respect the environment
- Town and School recycling goals are standardized regarding football fields and town parks
- Custodial employee recycling efforts now recognized in their yearly reviews
- Completed self – evaluation checklist and will discuss future initiatives.

Sherman School. Goals for 2011-2012 as reported by Michael Pascento

- Implement single stream recycling throughout the building, including cafeteria and with maintenance staff.

Items to be Raised by Members

C. Reedy shared information regarding an upcoming Solid Waste and Recycling Conference with Trade Show taking place May 20-23, 2012 on Lake George in NY. For more information visit www.nyfederation.org

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.