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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 2011, 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 L. Kulowiec (RE), E. Rossini (RI), S. Von Holt (NM), C. Loudon (NF), R. Byrnes (SH), A. Miles (NE), C. Reedy (HRRRA) and J. Iannucci (HRRRA). Guest speaker Todd Ellis (Call2Recycle)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by E. Rossini, second by L. Kulowiec, to approve the minutes of March 10, 2011 as presented. **Vote:** All voting in favor.

Update on Poster Contest Award Ceremony

- **C. Reedy** reported there was one error found after the judging. One poster was placed in the wrong grade. The problem was resolved by adding an honorable mention still allowing all the same children who were judged to receive savings bonds.
- **C. Reedy** shared the mock-up of the full page ad that will run in the Sunday edition of the New Times April 17th. The ad also included a plug for single stream recycling.
- **J. Iannucci** gave an update on the Award Ceremony that will take place at Union Savings Bank in Danbury on Thursday, April 14th.

Todd Ellis from Call2Recycle

- **Todd Ellis** from Call2Recycle presented their national battery recycling program. He discussed the various types of batteries, what they are made of and how they are processed to get recycled into new product. He explained how the company was formed and what their mission is. To enroll and receive Call2Recycle boxes visit their website. Boxes can be placed in public as well as private business locations. Instructions are clear and the process is simple. Tear a plastic bag from the front of the box, place battery or cell phone in the bag provided and place it in the box. When the box is full, simply ship it back. New boxes will be shipped to you. You can also have extra boxes on hand. There is a zip code locator on the Call2Recycle website that will help you find drop-off locations. There is no charge for the boxes, the recycling or for shipping. All costs are paid by Call2Recycle. *A PDF copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.*

NERC Free webinar on Small Town/Rural School Waste Reduction and Recycling

- **C. Reedy** announced that NERC is offering a free webinar on Small Town/Rural School Waste Reduction & Recycling on May 4th from 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Register for the webinar at <http://www.nerc.org>. *An informational flyer is attached to the minutes.*

Items to be Raised by Members

- **E. Rossini** asked if there was a way to contact local hardware stores regarding HHW days.
- **C. Reedy** reminded everyone that HHW days are for residents only. We can give businesses MXI and Clean Harbors contact information so they may arrange to bring material to the HHW days and pay the company directly. Schools can bring items to the HHW days but only if they are “cleaning house” once a year. If schools have years of collected material, they too will need to make direct arrangements with MXI and or Clean Harbors. Regarding homeowners selling their homes before a HHW day, there is no place in CT to take HHW other than the designated days. They can pay to have material picked-up but it will cost a lot of money. C. Reedy suggest they put items in a box, print a HHW flyer along with the HRRRA contact information and tape it to box for the new owners. HHW flyers can be posted in the hardware store and other public locations.
- **C. Reedy** passed out flyers for the next HHW day in Newtown on May 21st, the flyer is also posted on the HRRRA website.
- **C. Reedy** announced the sale of the Danbury Transfer station. Winter Brothers of Long Island purchased the hauling companies and RTI. The MSW and C&D transfer station was not sold; they are tied up with legal issues having to do with the Federal Government.
- **S. Von Holt** inquired about the newly purchased compactors in New Milford and whether or not they can crush glass with single stream recycling. C. Reedy suggested not to, because although there will be breakage from being dumped and transported, crushed glass will stick to paper material causing problems with the quality of the material. If New Milford would like to use the compactors to crush glass, it should be the only material in the load.
- **C. Reedy** shared that HRRRA will attend the National Mattress Stewardship Meeting in Hartford, CT April 12th.
- **C. Reedy** shared that PSI is also active in the waste management issue of yellow and white pages. She has participated in this dialog and there is model legislation.
- **C. Reedy** reminded everyone there will be another guest speaker next month from DEP. She asked RRTF members to put thought into what the state can do to help with recycling.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.