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HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 19, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Brookfield Town Hall, Room 133

Members or Alternates Present and Voting

Bethel, Matthew Knickerbocker	8
Bridgewater, Brian Sullivan	1
Brookfield, Tom Tibolla	7
Danbury, Mark Boughton	36
New Fairfield, Mike Gill	6
New Milford, Suzanne Von Holt	12
Newtown, Herb Rosenthal	12
Redding, Larry Kulowiec	4
Ridgefield, Rudy Marconi	11
	<u>97</u>

Other Present:

Ryan Bingham, Winters Brothers
 Susan Chapman, New Fairfield Alternate
 Eric Frederickson, All American Waste
 Lynn Waller, Public
 Glenn Lockhart, Wheelabrator
 Ryan Bingham, Winters Brothers
 Jodi Barnell-Drescher, Winters
 Danbury, Joel Urice
 Zach Carfi, Intern town of Ridgefield
 Michael Powers, PMA

Members Not Present

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gill at 10:37 a.m. with a quorum of 61 votes present from eight municipalities. M. Boughton entered the meeting at 10:45 during the Director’s report, bringing the quorum to 97 from nine municipalities. M. Boughton left the meeting at 11:15 and was replaced by J. Urice, keeping the quorum at 97 from nine municipalities.

Public Comment

L. Waller expressed her appreciation for Cheryl Reedy. She admires Cheryl’s hard work and dedication to the organization.

Chairman’s and Members’ Comments

M. Gill acknowledged Brian Sullivan, Bridgewater’s new HRRRA alternate to the meeting. R. Marconi welcomed Zach Carfi, an intern from the Town of Ridgefield to the meeting.

M. Gill noted there was a significant increase in traffic at the Newtown HHW event in May. The cars were nearly double from the previous year.

Director’s Report

J. Iannucci presented the Director’s report on behalf of C. Reedy. Items highlighted included the continued downward trend in MSW tonnage, the numerous schools HRRRA visited at the end of the

school year, MSW Associates and Public Act. No 14-94 and pointed out the most significant change is CRRA becoming MIRA (Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority).

R. Marconi asked if HRRRA would recommend an investigation whether or not Ridgefield should implement flow control to help manage the loss of MSW tonnage leaving the system. M. Gill does not believe the situation is as dire as it may appear given that HRRRA gets credit for the recycling. M. Boughton mentioned the issue may be moot if the other Transfer Station in Danbury is constructed, it is likely HRRRA will lose all tonnage to the new facility.

Administrative Approvals

- a. **Motion** by M. Gill, second by H. Rosenthal, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2014 and April 22, 2014 meeting as presented. **Vote:** All in favor, except M. Knickerbocker abstained (Vote tally: 89 in favor, 1 abstained)
- b. **Motion** by H. Rosenthal, second by M. Knickerbocker, to approve the HRRRA financial statements through May 31, 2014 as presented. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 97 in favor.)
- c. **Motion** by M. Knickerbocker, second by M. Gill, to approve the transfer of \$1000 from the Staffing line to Travel/Mileage line for mileage reimbursement. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 97 in favor.)
- d. **Additional Appropriation - Motion** by R. Marconi, second by H. Rosenthal to approve an additional appropriation of \$7500 from Fund Balance to the Professional Services line for legal fees. **Vote:** All in favor (Vote tally: 97 in favor.)

Old Business

- a. **Bridgewater Organics Pilot Update** – J. Iannucci gave a brief update on the Bridgewater Organics Pilot Program. To date, 9260 lbs. or 4.63 tons have been collected from 120 residents each week over 11 weeks. The program is ending its third month and a mid-way program survey will be administered in the coming weeks. The program is not paying for itself and in order to do so more residents will need to sign-up.
- b. **Update on battery stewardship national dialogue held in Connecticut** – J. Iannucci gave a brief update on the battery dialogue she and C. Reedy attended on June 11th and 12th. Four leading battery interest groups – the Corporation for Battery Recycling (CBR), the leading battery manufacturers from the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), PRBA – The Rechargeable Battery Association and Call2Recycle, Inc. –unveiled an all-battery model recycling bill in the afternoon of the first day of meetings. It is hopeful an all-battery bill will pass in 2015 making Connecticut the first in the nation.
- c. **Update on MSW Associates VRF DEEP permit intervention** – M. Gill shared with the Authority that the scheduled meeting with J. Putnam to discuss a possible agreement with HRRRA was canceled by Putnam at the last minute. J. Iannucci reported the MSW Associate proceedings have been delayed until mid July. The following dates have been set July 20, 21, 25 additional dates will be needed. MSW Associates submitted a change in their plan the day before the first hearing which created a small delay. According to B. Metzler the hearings themselves are going slower than he had predicted. The following order of proceedings was handed out to the members.

The order of proceedings:

1. Applicant will finish witnesses (Galante cross examination)
2. DEEP Staff will present their case
3. Arguments and ruling on the admissibility of Danbury's exhibits
4. Presentation of Danbury's case
5. Presentation of HRRRA's case
6. Presentation of the Housing Authority
7. Cross examination of the applicant's traffic witnesses? *May do this in July*
8. Final arguments and briefs
9. Final decision (Possibly not until December)

New Business

- a. **Motion** by R. Marconi, second by H. Rosenthal, to accept the personnel report as recommended by the Executive Committee- Vote: All in favor (Vote tally: 97 in favor.) H. Rosenthal expressed his gratitude to C. Reedy for her years of outstanding work as the HRRRA Director.
- b. **Motion** by M. Knickerbocker, second by R. Marconi, to accept the proposed 2014-15 annual budget as recommended by the Executive Committee - Vote: All in favor (Vote tally: 97 in favor.)
- c. **Nominating Committee Report** - L. Kulowiec shared the report of Nominating Committee for 2014-15. In June 2014, the HRRRA Nomination Committee met in absentia to consider candidates for officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. After a review of all qualified candidates, the Committee unanimously agreed on the following slate of nominations to serve as officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Chairman, M. Gill – Vice Chairman, R. Marconi – Secretary, M. Knickerbocker – Treasurer, H. Rosenthal – Assistant Treasurer, M. Boughton.
- d. **Motion** by T. Tibolla, second by B. Sullivan, to accept the slate of Officers for 2014-15. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 97 in favor.)
- e. **Motion** by R. Marconi, second by M. Knickerbocker to accept the Union Savings Bank Resolution for checking account signatories (Attachment F) Vote: All in favor (Vote tally: 97 in favor.)
- f. **Photo of HRRRA Membership for revised WOW Guide** was taken after adjournment.

Adjournment: **Motion** by M. Knickerbocker, second by R. Marconi, to adjourn the meeting at 11:22a.m. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 97 in favor.)