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**HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 19, 2013, 11:00 a.m.**  
**First Floor Conference Room 133, Brookfield Town Hall**

**Members or Alternates Present and Voting**

Bethel, Richard Straiton	8
Brookfield, Bill Davidson	7
Danbury, Joel Urice	36
New Fairfield, Mike Gill	6
Newtown, Herb Rosenthal	12
Kent, Bruce Adams	1
New Milford, Suzanne Von Holt	12
Redding, Natalie Ketcham	4
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**Other Present:**

Glenn Lockhart, Wheelabrator  
Jodi Barnell-Drescher, Winters Brothers  
Eric Fredricksen, All American Waste  
Kevin Nolan – Winters Brothers  
Lynn Waller, Public  
Harry Winters – Winters Brothers  
Paul Curry – Bay State Textiles  
Tom Tibolla – Brookfield Alternate

**Members Not Present**

Bridgewater, Ridgefield, and Sherman

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gill at 11: 00 a.m. with a quorum of 70 votes present from six municipalities. H. Rosenthal entered the meeting at 11:08 following the Chairman's comments and N. Ketcham entered the meeting at 11:15 during the Director's Report bringing the quorum to 86 from eight municipalities

**Public Comment**

L. Waller expressed her concern regarding HRRA's future and location due to the merger of HVCEO and SWRPA.

**Chairman's and Members' Comments**

M. Gill reminded members the Danbury HHW Collection event will take place Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Notice has gone out to local papers and websites. There is an anticipated increase of cars with the new Paint Law that took effect July 1. M. Gill also mentioned the possible traffic congestion the weekend of September 21<sup>st</sup> due to work on a bridge on I84 around exit 1.

S. Von Holt shared the upcoming HHW Collection event in New Milford, which serves the member towns of New Milford, Sherman and Brookfield, will also take place September 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **Director's Report**

C. Reedy explained that MSW tonnage was down almost 1500 tons during August compared with the prior year. Year to date the system is at 95.3% of MSW compared to the same time in 2012. The drop in tonnage is mostly attributable to All American Waste.

Regarding public education, HRRA has printed 5,000 copies of the WOW guide that are available for distribution to town/city halls across the region. Members were encouraged to take boxes of guides with them after the meeting.

Per the previously approved public education campaign, recycling advertisements were run in the Danbury NewsTimes, New Milford Spectrum, Newtown Bee, Redding Pilot, New Fairfield/Sherman Citizen News and the Tribuna. The ads focused on what all could go into single stream recycling and what items are considered contaminants to the recycling stream.

A 3rd grade recycling program is scheduled for the new school year at Stadley Rough School in Danbury and Pettibone Elementary in New Milford.

Due to the Paint Law there has been increased participation at HHW events across the State. The Bridgewater event in August had a 1/3 increase. If Danbury experiences a similar increase it could really tax the site so C. Reedy encouraged all participating towns to be sure to send their assigned quota of workers for the day so that there will be adequate staffing.

C. Reedy and J. Iannucci attended a meeting of the CT Product Stewardship Council. HRRA offered to be the lead region for single use battery product stewardship legislation expected to be offered in 2014 since Duracell is located in our region and the legislation is supported by battery manufacturers.

## **Administrative Approvals**

- a. **Motion** by J. Urice, second by H. Rosenthal, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2013 meeting as presented. **Vote:** All in favor, N. Ketcham and R. Straiton abstained (Vote tally: 74 in favor, 12 abstained)
- b. **Motion** by J. Urice, second by H. Rosenthal, to approve the HRRA financial statements through August 31, 2013 as presented. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 86 in favor.)

B. Davidson asked C. Reedy if there were any alerts. C. Reedy said there were no alerts. H. Rosenthal commented that he is watching the Bond Fund investments closely.

## **Old Business**

- a. C. Reedy announced there was no need to discuss the Municipal E-waste collection and recycling agreements for the town of Bethel. The agreement was received on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- b. C. Reedy updated the public education program during the directors report.
- c. J. Iannucci shared with the Authority a new Organic (Food Waste) Curbside Pick-up Pilot Program for the town of Bridgewater. She researched other municipalities in Massachusetts, and other states who have undertaken such a program. A survey was created for the public on recycling and food waste disposal and it was posted to the HRRA website and Facebook page. Jen also attended the Bridgewater Country Fair and handed out surveys to the public there. She thanked Larry Kulowiec, Chris Loudon and Deb DeMuth for their time at the Bridgewater Fair helping with the survey. 63%

of those who took the survey in Bridgewater want to participate in the program. Jen has been working closely with All American Waste who will facilitate the program and New Milford Farms where the waste will be tipped. There is more work to be completed before the program will be implemented in the spring of 2014.

**New business**

- a. M. Gill explained the likely effect on the HRRA office location with the merger of HVCEO and SWRPA if HVCEO were to move to the Wilton/Ridgefield area. It would also impact HRRA financially. HVCEO presently subsidizes HRRA through shared office expenses like phone, fax, internet, postage and major utilities. The Discussion focused around possible options for HRRA if HVCEO were to move. C. Reedy explained the importance of HRRA staying central to the region for the convenience of those HRRA serves (Haulers, Public and CEO's). The Authority will review the issue in December when more information is available about the merger.
- b. Paul Curry from Bay State Textiles gave a presentation on recycling textiles. The 15 minute presentation reviewed the amount of textiles that are in the waste stream, where the textiles go, their value and how municipalities could contract with Bay State to place collection bins on municipal property and earn \$100 a ton for collection. He gave a copy of the proposal to each municipality.

**Adjournment:** Motion by J. Urice, second by S. Von Holt, to adjourn the meeting at 12:02a.m. Vote: All in favor. (Vote tally: 86 in favor.)