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HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY

NOTES

Thursday, September 24, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Room 209, Brookfield Town Hall

Members or Alternates Present

Bethel, Matt Knickerbocker	8
Brookfield, Sheldon Conn	7
Kent, Bruce Adams	1
New Fairfield, Mike Gill	6
Newtown, Fred Hurley	12
Redding, Jeff Hansen	4
Sherman, Clay Cope	2
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Others Present:

- Ryan Bingham, Winters Brothers
- Brian Creighton, All American Waste
- Lynn Waller, Public
- Glenn Lockhart, Wheelabrator
- Jen Iannucci, HRRRA Director
- Cheryl Reedy, HRRRA Assistant Director

Members Not Present:

Towns of Bridgewater, Danbury, New Milford and Ridgefield.

No Call to Order: At 10:40 a.m. Chairman Gill announced that there would be no meeting since a quorum was not present. Those in attendance chose to informally discuss the items on the agenda but took no action or votes.

Public Comment: Lynn Waller commented that she hoped that if the HRRRA office moved it would stay somewhere centrally located in the region so it would be accessible to the public to attend meetings and somewhere with handicapped restroom facilities.

Chairman's and Members' Comments: M. Gill said that he and Director Iannucci had an impromptu meeting with Brookfield First Selectman Bill Tinsley earlier in the morning about the HRRRA office location. HRRRA might stay where it is and share space with the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Tinsley also suggested the Authority look at another location in Brookfield.

Mr. Gill reminded those in attendance that the Danbury Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection would be Saturday, September 26, 9am to 2pm, at the Danbury Public Works Facility on Newtown Road.

Also on Saturday is the annual DEA drug take back day being offered at the police stations in Danbury, Bethel, Brookfield, Bridgewater, New Fairfield, Newtown and Redding.

B. Adams noted that he worked the HHW collection in New Milford on Saturday, September 19th and S. Von Holt did a great job of organizing the event and serving the public. Mr. Adams has contact information for a company that will pay to take propane tanks that he will provide to the Director.

B. Adams thanked J. Iannucci for the meeting she holds each year helping towns to fill out their annual municipal recycling reports due to the state at the end of each September. He asked how Kent can count the redeemable bottles/cans dropped off at the Kent Recycling Center as part of the Town's recycling rate. He also asked for the link to the DEEP website that gives the recycling rate for each Town in CT.

Director's Report:

- MSW tonnage year to date is running at 96% compared to the same time last year.
- Recycling tonnage is holding its own and running at 101% of last year to date.
- E-waste being disposed of at local transfer stations is about 7% above the same point in 2014. E-waste rebates to all HRRAs towns for 2014 totaled \$23,445.
- Textile tonnage for the five participating towns is 10 tons year to date with earned rebates of almost \$1,000.
- HRRAs MSW collected by AAW is going somewhere else in addition to the MIRA transfer station in Watertown. HRRAs tonnage coming into that transfer station is down about 3,000 tons year to date. It was suggested that the Chairman should send a letter to the owners of AAW asking where the HRRAs MSW is being taken, with a copy to DEEP.
- HRRAs will work with any municipality that wants to submit a DEEP recycling grant application. For those towns turned down for the recycling rewards program, the next deadline for submittal is February 1, 2016. Bridgewater received \$3,600 from the recycling rewards grant program.
- The Ridgefield organics collection program will kick off on Saturday, November 14th, the day before America Recycles Day, thanks to assistance from First Selectman Marconi and Ryan Bingham from Winters Bros. HRRAs was in New Fairfield last weekend for New Fairfield Day distributing flyers about the Town's organics survey, the first step in a process of possibly bringing organics collection to New Fairfield. F. Hurley said that Newtown would also like to start an organics collection program at its transfer station in November. He will contact the HRRAs Director about working with Newtown's Sustainable Energy Committee that has funding for such a project.
- J. Iannucci checked into the process of getting and keeping a WCSU Intern to take over the HRRAs recycling education program. Because interns can only work with an agency for one semester, it would require too much time to train such a person for only a few months work. The Director did apply for a WCSU Intern to handle the poster contest in the Spring, and is looking at hiring a contract employee for perhaps 5 hours a week to do school programs.
- Last week J. Iannucci met with Deputy DEEP Commissioner Michael Sullivan at WES along with WES staff and other municipal WES customers to discuss how towns can buy back the power produced at the WES plant from the MSW they send to the plant for processing as well as other solid waste issues. DC Sullivan was receptive. At the meeting DC Sullivan said that he would be the decision maker for the Commissioner in the MSW Associates case now pending.

June 25, 2015 Minutes: Per the auditor the minutes of the last meeting will be revised to show a vote of the Authority on the 2015-16 budget. As currently written, the minutes show a motion and second, but no vote.

MSW Associates VRF DEEP permit intervention: The City of Danbury, Housing Authority City of Danbury and DEEP all filed for exceptions to the Hearing Officer's recommended decision. At least two of the parties have requested oral argument.

Winters Bros. Recycling Agreement Extension: M. Gill, R. Marconi, J. Iannucci and C. Reedy met with Kevin Nolan, Tom Ferro and Ryan Bingham in August. With the recycling markets being down considerably, Winters Bros. is looking for some relief from the costs of recycling. T. Ferro is to get together a fixed price rebate number for HRRRA to consider. K. Nolan and M. Gill signed a one page agreement that gives both parties until December 31, 2015 to complete the agreement extension as opposed to the October deadline that was in the agreement. The agreement itself does not terminate until March 2016.

2016 Legislative Agenda: Western CT COG Chair Matt Knickerbocker said that HRRRA would be invited to the COG's annual legislative breakfast as always and would be able to present its legislative agenda there. Items to be included were:

- Power sale from WES to municipal customers and virtual net metering on town buildings (per F. Hurley).
- Battery stewardship legislation
- Local approval required before state approval for new transfer station/VRF permits if submitted again this year by Rep. Arconti
- Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy - stay on top of the CMMS to be presented to the Legislature in February 2015 to insure that it is consistent with the HRRRA solid waste system and poses no undue burdens on municipalities.
- Encourage taking back some of the escheats funding from public financing of campaigns and use it instead to fund recycling programs and enforcement.

Informal Discussion Ended: The informal discussion ended at 11:29 a.m. No action was taken. No votes were held. No quorum was ever present for a meeting.