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

**Thursday, September 27, 2012, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Wheelabrator Bridgeport L.P. Waste-to-Energy Plant**  
**6 Howard Avenue, Bridgeport CT 06605**

**Members or Alternates Present and Voting**

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| Bethel, Matthew Knickerbocker | 8         |
| Brookfield, William Davidson  | 7         |
| Danbury, Joel Urice           | 36        |
| Kent, Bruce Adams             | 1         |
| New Fairfield, Mike Gill      | 6         |
| Newtown, Herbert Rosenthal    | 12        |
| Redding, Larry Kulowiec       | 4         |
| Ridgefield, Andrew Bodner     | 11        |
| Sherman, Ruth Byrnes          | 2         |
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|                               | <b>87</b> |

**Other Present:**

Rich Straiton, Bethel Alternate  
Tom Tibolla, Brookfield Alternate  
Natalie Ketcham, Redding Alternate  
Glenn Lockhart, Wheelabrator  
MaryEllen Rockwell, Winters Brothers  
Jody Barnell-Drescher, Winters Brothers  
John Kaminski, Town of Kent  
Eric Fredricksen, All American Waste

**Members Not Present**

Bridgewater, Bill Stuart  
New Milford, Pat Murphy

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gill at 10:32 a.m. with a quorum of 87 votes present from nine municipalities.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Chairman's and Members' Comments**

- Chairman's comments – M. Gill thanked Glenn Lockhart and the Wheelabrator team for allowing the HRRRA to meet and tour the facility and for providing lunch.
- Redding has appointed L. Kulowiec as its full HRRRA member. N. Ketcham is now the alternate. Kent has appointed B. Adams as its full member and D. Schiesel as the alternate.
- The terms of Bridgewater and Danbury's representatives have expired and need to be renewed.
- The next Household Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> in Danbury at the Public Works Facility from 9-2pm.
- The Newtown Scale was hit three times by lightning this year. Wheelabrator has replaced the scale with an \$89,000 system that is guaranteed for life against lightning.
- Members Comments - H. Rosenthal thanked Glen Lockhart for helping get trucks off Main Street in Newtown.

### Director's Report –

- From the written Director's Report C. Reedy highlighted the region's recycling tonnage is up 24% compared to the prior year, mostly due to the move to single stream recycling and to increasing the items that can be recycled in the region. In addition, the recycling tip fee was dropped from \$28.50/ton to \$10/ton effective August 1st. That resulted in a 9% increase in recycling in August compared with July of 2012.
- The Audit is complete and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. As in the previous year HRRRA will receive a clean audit.
- All 2012-13 registrations and permits are complete and haulers in the region are in compliance. There are a few C&D haulers in New Milford that are not compliant such as the Can Man, S&P Carting, etc. New Milford has chosen to handle its own hauler registration. M. Gill suggested that the new applied late fee this year may have helped get haulers to timely comply.

### Administrative Approvals

- a. **Motion** by J. Urice, second by B. Davidson, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2012 meeting as presented. **Vote:** All in favor except H. Rosenthal, M. Knickerbocker, A. Bodner abstaining. (Vote tally: 56 in favor. 31 abstaining.)
- b. **Motion** by H. Rosenthal, second by J. Urice, to approve the HRRRA financial statements through August 31, 2012 as presented. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 87 in favor.)
- c. **Motion** by R. Byrnes, second by J. Urice, to approve the HRRRA meeting dates for 2013. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 87 in favor.)

### New Business:

- a. *Consider and possible action on the report and recommendations of the SMART Task Force -*  
C. Reedy presented the recommendations of the SMART Task Force, which are attached to these minutes. Also attached and passed out at the meeting was a review of the recommendations conducted by DSM consultants on behalf of DEEP. A. Bodner asked what the financial impact will be to the residents. It needs to be clear prices won't increase because of the program. The Authority wants to encourage Single Stream recycling but does not want haulers to take advantage of the system to increase pricing.  
J. Urice said that the objective was to encourage good behavior. By recycling more, residents will pay less and feel rewarded for their positive change in behavior. H. Rosenthal and B. Adams did not agree with item #7. C. Reedy was asked to revise the recommendations by making it clear prices would not increase for residents, removing item #7 and reviewing with Task Force members and A. Bodner prior to the next meeting.

### Old Business:

- a. *Winters Brothers recycling agreement RFQ* – A letter from Winters Brothers dated September 24, 2012 (attached to the minutes) was distributed outlining the recycling agreement negotiated to date by the Chairman and Director. Still to come is a “kicker” proposal which would increase the rebate even more for significant increases in tonnage. - **Motion** by J. Urice, second by H. Rosenthal to give the Executive Committee the authority to approve the final negotiated contract for recommendation to the towns and bring it back to the full Authority for final review. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 87 in favor)

Adjournment: **Motion** by M. Knickerbocker, second by L. Kulowiec, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40a.m. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 87 in favor.)