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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday February 6, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 a.m. Those present included, C. Loudon (NF), P. Prunty (DA), S. Von Holt (NM), J. Barnell-Drescher (Winters), R. Bingham (Winters), P. Oberg (All American Waste), P. Curry (Bay State Textiles), J. Iannucci (HRRA) and C. Reedy (HRRA) – Via conference call E. Rossini (RI), A. Cordano (RI)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by S. Von Holt second by P. Oberg, to approve the minutes of December 5, 2013 as presented.
Vote: All in favor

Municipal Annual Recycling Goals for 2014

There were no goals shared. C. Loudon announced he will email his report to J. Iannucci.

Feedback on NewTech Recycling e-waste collection process

J. Barnell-Drescher reported all is going well with e-waste at the Mom & Pop in Danbury. S. Von Holt reported New Milford's collections are also going smoothly. C. Loudon reported New Fairfield has experienced slow response for pick-ups and they are behind. C. Reedy reported that the 90 day trial period is over and due to the majority of member towns having a positive experience, the e-waste contract will continue with NewTech.

Poster Contest

J. Iannucci reminded task force members the deadline for poster entries is the end of February. Judging will take place the second Thursday in March, on March 13th. If anyone needs templates they should contact J. Iannucci.

Bridgewater Organics (food scraps) pilot program update

J. Iannucci shared the progress of the upcoming food scraps pilot program in Bridgewater. The kick-off meeting for the event will take place on Tuesday, March 11th; everyone is welcome to attend. The program will begin the first week of April. The Commissioner of DEEP has an interest in the program and may be present for a ribbon cutting. J. Iannucci presented the program at the DEEP Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting at the end of January and to NERC via conference call on February 5th.

Mattress update

C. Reedy shared an update on the mattress recycling program. The program will be implemented in early 2015. Currently the Mattress Recycling Council, along with stakeholders, are working out the details of the program. The MRC will provide free trailers and disposal to all transfer stations. Transfer station operators that are interested in the program need to go to www.mattressrecycling.org to sign up and choose the size and type of container they want. If the facility is a municipal facility and already permitted for bulky waste, a letter to the state is all that is needed for the DEEP permit. If the transfer station is privately owned, they will need to request a permit modification.

Textile Recycling – Presentation by Paul Curry, Bay State Recycling

P. Curry from Bay State Textiles presented detailed information on the textile industry, what can be collected, where the grades of material go and how municipalities can earn money having collection containers at their schools, firehouses, town halls, and/or transfer stations. On average municipalities earn \$100 per ton on material that is collected. Bay State is looking to come into the State of Connecticut, but before they do they want to know if they have enough interested towns. If any HRRRA members are interested they should contact Paul directly. Bridgewater, New Fairfield, Bethel, Kent and Ridgefield showed interest. Inserts from P. Curry's packet are attached to the minutes.

Items to be raised by members

C. Reedy shared that HRRRA and the Product Stewardship Council along with the states of California, Minnesota and Vermont are having discussions with battery manufactures to bring model legislation to Connecticut in 2015. A meeting at Duracell's Bethel facility is tentatively scheduled for June 2014.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.