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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
Park City Green, 459 Iranistan Ave, Bridgeport, CT**

MINUTES

Tour of Park City Green

Adrienne Houel, Board President of Park City Green, gave Task Force members and guests a tour of the mattress recycling facility to which mattresses from the HRRRA region will be taken by Winters Bros. for recycling after the start of the mattress stewardship program on May 1st. Also located at the same facility is a book reuse program as well as textile recycling collection. Ms. Houel invited school and scout groups from the region to come visit the facility. The Task Force thanked Ms. Houel and her staff for the informative and educational tour.

Call to Order

Following the tour, the RRTF reconvened at Amici Miei Cafe at 957 Main St. in Bridgeport, CT for a light lunch provided by Winters Bros. The meeting was called to order at the restaurant at 11:15 a.m. Those present included, J. Hanson (RE), A. Miles (NE), E. Rossini (RI), S. Conn (BK), B. Adams (KE), John (KE transfer station operator), R. Bingham (Winters Bros.), P. Oberg (AAW), A. Houel (Park City Green), J. Iannucci and C. Reedy (HRRRA).

Approval of minutes

Motion by E. Rossini, second by S. Conn, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2015, as presented. **Vote:** All in favor but J. Hanson and J. Iannucci abstaining.

2015 Municipal Recycling Goals

S. Conn said he had prepared some recycling goals for the Town of Brookfield and would send to HRRRA before the next meeting. J. Iannucci encouraged all the other towns to please turn in their goals for the current year, which is almost 1/3 over.

Poster Contest Award Ceremony

The poster contest regional award ceremony is set for Earth Day, April 22nd, 5:30 p.m., at Union Savings Bank at North Street in Danbury. Forty-one regional winners will be honored at that time. RRTF members will be recognized at the ceremony and are invited to attend. B. Adams and John said they both enjoyed the local judging each year.

MRC Contracts

Bethel, New Fairfield and Kent are all signed up for the start of the mattress stewardship program on May 1st. Newtown, Redding and Ridgefield all report a lack of contact from the MRC about whether they are signed up or not. New Milford is holding off awaiting some staff training, but will be signing up after that. J. Iannucci passed out contact information for Justine Fallon, the MRC program administrator in the

state. R. Bingham reported that Winters would deliver containers to participating transfer stations the week of April 27th. The standard size container is 40 yards. Transfer stations that need something larger or smaller should call Ryan to make arrangements. Once full, or almost full, transfer station managers will need to call Winters Bros. and the box will be swapped out within two days. A. Houel asked that mattresses be protected from the elements as much as possible so they don't get wet, which makes them impossible to recycle.

Legislative Update

C. Reedy reported that the tire bill was turned into a yearlong study which ought to pass and pave the way for tire stewardship legislation next year. HRRRA and the CT PSC continue to work to pass an all battery stewardship bill during the current session.

One Day Collections

J. Iannucci announced that HRRRA would like to assist towns in setting up one day collections for various types of items if they are interested. For example, Brookfield and Sherman might be interested in one day collections for e-waste since their residents have to drive to New Milford to drop off e-waste at a recycling center. PaintCare is doing another one day paint only collection at the Danbury Public Works Department on Saturday, April 18th again this year. Kent and Redding both host annual or bi-annual shred days for local residents that are very popular. Any town interested in a one day collection of any item may contact J. Iannucci for assistance.

Items to be Raised by Members

J. Iannucci reported that she was able to attend an international sustainability conference in Sweden last month that focused on crowd sourcing and rich media as ways to more fully engage the public and local communities and neighborhoods in recycling and other environmental programs.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at Noon, with a thank you to R. Bingham and Winters Bros. as well as A. Houel, so all could eat lunch.