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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday April, 4 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. Those present included, L. Kulowiec (RE), B. Sullivan (BW), T. Tibolla (BK), C. Loudon (NF), R. Byrnes (SH), S. VonHolt (NM), J. Calhoun (NM/BOE), E. Rossini (RI), A. Cordano (RI/BOE), J. Iannucci (HRRRA), and C. Reedy (HRRRA)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by S. Von Holt (NM), second by L. Kulowiec, to approve the minutes of March 14, 2013 as presented.

Vote: All in favor

Rocket Composting Grant

J. Iannucci handed out information regarding grant money available for schools for a Rocket Composter. The Rocket can be used to educate students on composting. Schools can recycle food waste to eliminate disposal cost. It can help reduce school's carbon footprint and increase recycling rates. It can produce useful compost for facility landscaping needs. The deadline for the grant is May 3rd, 2013.

Poster Contest Award Ceremony

J. Iannucci reminded Task Force Members that the Poster Contest Award Ceremony is Wednesday, April 24th from 5-6pm at Union Savings Bank located at 126 North Street, Danbury.

Video Contest Update

J. Iannucci asked Task Force Members to continue promoting the video contest. Videos are due Monday, April 22.

TREX Contest Update

J. Iannucci shared the recent results of the TREX plastic bag contest. The towns of Bridgewater, Brookfield, Bethel, Newtown and Sherman are participating in the contest. Burnham School in Bridgewater is currently in first place to win the TREX bench. Participating schools will receive a TREX bird house. Contest ends Monday, April 22, 2013.

E-Waste – New Vendor Eco International

C. Reedy shared the new E-Waste vendor for the region is now Eco International out of Vestal NY. WeRecycle did not make the State approved list. The benefits of the new company are similar to WeRecycle with some added benefits. They will take items not covered on the state list. Eco International will take municipal and school e-waste at no charge. They will take CFLs at no charge. Eco will pay 3 cents on the pound for e-waste including televisions. They have offered to pay by check or electronic payment. An additional benefit, which is optional, Eco will send direct mailing information to residents for a once a year curbside pick-up program. The transition from WeRecycle to Eco should be seamless. Eco International worked with WeRecycle to purchase existing containers located at all the regions Transfer Stations. The last day for WeRecycle is Friday, April 5th.

HRRA Recycling Education Program

J. Iannucci and C. Reedy requested the Task Force Members help to get HRRA into the schools to present a free 45-50 minute recycling education program for grade 4. The program can be presented to other grades, but it is the goal of HRRA to reach at least 1000 fourth graders in 2013-14. J. Iannucci will send detailed information to the task force via email.

Items to be Raised by Members

J. Iannucci shared information regarding a new home composting bin distribution program available to municipalities. Municipalities can purchase compost bins in bulk at a discounted rate and offer them to residents. The Bins normally cost \$79. This program offers them at \$53 per unit with a minimum order of 24 units.

The Winters Brothers Shelton MRF is due to open Monday, April 22. The RRTF will plan a visit in the near future.

L. Kulowiec shared he displayed recycling information for Redding at a recent school science fair and was warmly received by parents. He also shared that the Redding Recycling Center recently installed a new scale. The scale was \$40,000 and will take approximately three years to pay off. He is already seeing the benefits of the new system.

S. Von Holt raised the point that the PaintCare program will start July 1st. Discussion followed regarding who may be participating in the region. J. Iannucci will send the application for paint collection site to the taskforce members.

C. Reedy told Transfer Station Operators they should be checking their Winter Brother Invoices for proper billing. Transfer Stations should be being no more than the HRRA contracted fee of \$84.45 per ton for MSW and \$10 per ton for recycling.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.