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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
HRRRA Office
Upper Level, Old Town Hall
162 Whisconier Road, Brookfield, CT 06804**

MINUTES

In Attendance

J. Iannucci called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. In attendance were J. Hanson (RE), R. Byrnes (SH), S. Von Holt (NM), E. Rossini (RI), S. Conn (BK), K. LeJava (BK), P. Oberg (AAW), B. Canino (WB), T. O'Brien (DA) and J. Iannucci and C. Reedy (HRRRA).

Approval of Minutes

Motion by E. Rossini, second by S. Von Holt, to approve the minutes of November 3, 2016 as presented.

Vote: All in favor.

WRAP Champions

New Milford, Danbury, Redding and Sherman have signed up to be WRAP Champions. Kent, Redding, New Milford and Danbury want the Pack-n-Rack collection packs provided by the WRAP campaign for collection of plastic film at local transfer stations. J. Iannucci's goal is to have these in place by the January RRTF meeting. Any municipality having trouble with the online sign up to become a WRAP Champion should contact J. Iannucci. There have been some website sign up difficulties that she can help work around.

TREX Contest

The kickoff for the annual Trex contest was November 14th, America Recycles Day. HRRRA can provide generic or customized flyers for schools if requested through J. Iannucci. Schools can partner with their local transfer station if plastic film is being collected there.

Organics Recycling Update

The Town of Redding launched its new organics collection program on November 19th with 49 participants. The transfer station is still working to resolve a permitting issue with DEEP which is requiring an engineered site plan update for organics collection, a cost to the Town. This type of regulatory requirement is going to have a chilling effect on municipalities' participation in organics collection programs. C. Reedy offered to write a letter to DEEP on behalf of the RRTF pointing this out and asking DEEP to make the process more user friendly and no cost to municipalities.

DEEP CMMS Meeting Update

J. Iannucci and C. Reedy attended the meeting at DEEP last month held to acquaint municipalities with their responsibilities in the coming years under the recently adopted CMMS. The main issues for municipalities to focus on in the next year are:

- Update recycling ordinances (HRRRA may provide a model ordinance to towns if approved by the Authority at its December meeting.)
- Continue and improve measuring quantities recycled and report that data to DEEP.
- Identify waste reduction, reuse and/or recycling programs promoted by the municipality and measure results, if possible, as well as report annually to DEEP.
- Provide public space recycling in all areas under municipal/school control.

2017 Billboard Contest Kick Off

This year's contest is theme-less, since many students simply use their own imagination anyway. Templates will be ready for distribution by December 9th. T. Carlson is the point person for this year's contest. Her e-mail contact is Education@hrra.org

2017 Goal Setting and Evaluation

- **Redding** – J. Hanson reported that goals for 2017 include expanding the organics program, becoming a WRAP Champion, making recycling more convenient for residents at the transfer station, educating town employees on recycling and getting more bins for town offices, to start plastic film recycling at the transfer station, and to educate transfer station staff on how to work with residents to save money and increase recycling.
- **Brookfield** – S. Conn reported that in Brookfield, his staff has been directed not to empty the wastebaskets for employees who don't recycle – since there are some recalcitrant employees who won't comply with the requirement to recycle.
- **Ridgefield** – E. Rossini reported that the Town's goals met for 2016 include 180 participants in the municipal recycling center organics drop off program as well as a private curbside organics collection service starting in town. For 2017, the Town's goals include performing recycling audits in venues where large groups of people meet, and helping to implement recycling strategies, policies and procedures in those venues where recycling audits have been performed.

Items to be Raised by Members

- J. Hanson reported that at this year's tree lighting in Town, all employees have been requested to bring a recycled ornament for the tree.
- J. Iannucci pointed out the new art work on the wall provided by photographer Ellen Callaway of the [Recycled Beauty Photo Campaign](#).

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:43 a.m.

Minutes taken by Cheryl Reedy, HRRRA Assistant Director.