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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, June 1, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
HRRRA Office
162 Whisconier Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804**

MINUTES

In Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. In attendance were J. Hanson (RE), S. Von Holt (NM), A. Miles (NE), D. DeMuth (BE BOE), C. Loudon (NF), M. Flanagan (BE), C. Praissman and K. LeJava (BK Schools), P. Oberg and K. Vallera (AAW), E. Rossini (RI on the phone) and J. Heaton-Jones, T. Carlson and C. Reedy (HRRRA).

Minutes

Motion by A. Miles, second by S. Von Holt, to approve the minutes of May 4, 2017 as presented. **Vote:** All in favor with D. DeMuth abstaining.

Municipal Recycling Self-Evaluation Checklist

New Fairfield, Bethel and Bethel BOE turned in their completed checklists. Per R. Byrnes, Sherman's checklist will be coming by e-mail. The information from the checklists will be compiled and presented to the full Authority at its annual meeting on June 22nd. The Executive Committee has made it a goal for the HRRRA Director for the next year to continue to help municipal members be exemplars of compliance with recycling laws and regulations.

Newtown Organics/Food Scrap Program Success

By attending all local events, household hazardous waste collections and using e-mails and banners, A. Miles has increased participation in the Newtown organics program to 545 households. Her goal is to beat the participation numbers from the Scarsdale program modeled after the HRRRA programs. The two Scarsdale volunteers have found great success speaking at local churches, temples, etc.

DEEP Statewide Public Recycling Education Program

The expected launch of the new statewide program on May 15th did not happen because of the ongoing budget issues in the state. The Governor's office asked DEEP to hold off on the statewide public launch of advertising until after the budget is resolved with the legislature for next fiscal year. However, regions and municipalities have been asked to launch at the local level. J. Heaton-Jones showed the task force members the new website, that can be accessed at www.RecycleCT.com, and how it operates. This is the program that the region will be adopting in the future to make recycling consistent across the state. Task Force members were asked to try out the new website, post a link to to their municipal website and let J. Heaton-Jones know if they find any incorrect or difficult to understand instructions on the site.

June 21st CT Recyclers' Coalition Legislative Wrap Up Meeting

Information on the CRC's next breakfast meeting, which will be a wrap up of the current legislative session with respect to recycling related bills, will take place on Wednesday, June 21st, at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. will be sent to all RRTF members. Task Force members are encouraged to become members of CRC if possible.

July 29th HHW Collection

There will be an additional HHW collection in the region this year, paid for by HRRRA, on July 29th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The site will be determined at the June 22nd HRRRA meeting, but it will be either at the High School in Brookfield or at Bethel Public Works. The collection will be open to residents of all HRRRA municipalities. J. Heaton-Jones will post the location on the HRRRA website as soon as it is approved. Members were asked to please advertise this additional collection with their residents to the best of their ability so that there is a good turnout. The turnout at the Newtown HHW collection on May 20th was 735, the second largest turnout ever in Newtown

Clear Stream Bin Lending Program

J. Heaton-Jones reminded members that summer is the time that the bin lending program has the most requests from community groups. C. Praissman noted that there could be a demand for borrowing the bins for graduation parties at this time of year. Anyone with bins to lend who needs a refresher on the Google calendar program is welcome to call J. Heaton-Jones. She also reported that CT DEEP is purchasing six additional cases of bags for the region to be used with the Clear Stream bins.

Items to be Raised by Members

- C. Reedy passed out copies of e-mails back and forth with CT DEEP regarding guidance on acceptance of radioactive materials at local transfer stations. It is still incomplete, but at least it is something to use until more definitive information is available.
- J. Heaton-Jones noted that this is the last RRTF meeting until the group starts up again in October.
- S. Von Holt noted that there was a recycling bin on the Town Green in New Milford this morning next to the trash bin – progress!
- K. LeJava reported that parents are complaining on Facebook about the end of the WRAP collection program at Brookfield schools even though they can take the material to their local grocery store every time they go there.
- E. Rossini asked when the hauler permit renewal packets were going out this year. J. Heaton-Jones said they would be in the mail either Friday or next Monday after a hold up of waiting for municipalities to determination what their local registration fee would be for next fiscal year.
- M. Flanagan asked about the meeting with municipal purchasing agents to get everyone on the same page with bid specs for collection at municipal/school buildings and facilities. C. Reedy reminded everyone that they were to send in the e-mail address and name of their municipal as well as BOE purchasing agent so that a meeting could be arranged.
- J. Heaton-Jones reported that HRRRA would not have a booth at this year's Bridgewater Fair.

Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.

Minutes taken by Cheryl Reedy, HRRRA Assistant Director.