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HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 18, 2013, 10:30 a.m.

First Floor Conference Room 133, Brookfield Town Hall

Members or Alternates Present and Voting

Bethel, Matthew Knickerbocker	8
Brookfield, Bill Davidson	7
Danbury, Joel Urice	36
New Fairfield, Mike Gill	6
Newtown, Fred Hurley (Alternate)	12
Redding, Larry Kulowiec	4
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Other Present:

Attorney Ed Spinella, All American Waste
Glenn Lockhart, Wheelabrator
Jodi Barnell-Drescher, Winters Brothers
Kevin Nolan, Winters Brothers
Harry Winters, Winters Brothers
Tom Tibolla, Brookfield
Lynn Waller, Public
Abe Scarr, ConnPIRG

Members Not Present

Bridgewater, Bill Stuart
Sherman, Clay Cope
Ridgefield, Rudy Marconi
Kent, Bruce Adams
New Milford, Patricia Murphy

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gill at 10:40 a.m. with a quorum of 73 votes present from six municipalities.

Public Comment

J. Barnell-Drescher announced the open house, ceremonial ribbon-cutting for the new Single Stream Material Recovery Facility in Shelton, Monday, April 22nd. Governor Malloy and other public officials will be present.

Chairman's and Members' Comments

M. Gill explained why there was no executive committee meeting held earlier in the morning due to executive committee members unable to attend. It will be rescheduled and C. Reedy will update the HRRRA members.

M. Gill mentioned the Poster Contest Award Ceremony is next Wednesday, April 24th. It's a fun event and everyone is welcome to attend.

The memo of understanding with All American Waste has been executed by both M. Gill and owners of All American Waste.

HRRRA is also working on a one day Paint Collection day.

Director's Report

C. Reedy was not able to attend the HRRRA meeting. J. Iannucci reviewed the highlights of the report.

J. Iannucci explained the one day paint only collection day will most likely take place in July at the Danbury Public Works facility. There is no cost to the HRRRA municipalities and Paintcare will run the event.

The recycling public education PowerPoint presentation shared with the HRRRA Members in February has been recently used at several school and public locations throughout the region and has been very successful.

J. Iannucci reported the issue on declining tonnage is being investigated. HRRRA has had amicable discussions with All American Waste regarding their taking MSW out of the HRRRA system.

M. Gill added that a meeting will most likely take place with All American Waste in the near future as well as a possible meeting or discussion with CRRA. M. Gill requested that C. Reedy look at tonnage reports from the past 5 years on MSW, Recycling and e-waste to have a clearer understanding of how much total tonnage is down. The main issue is that CRRA is charging \$62.25 vs. \$84.45 at White Street in Danbury.

Administrative Approvals

- a. **Motion** by M. Knickerbocker, second by J. Urice, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2013 meeting as presented. **Vote:** All in favor (Vote tally: 73 in favor.)
- b. **Motion** by J. Urice, second by M. Knickerbocker, to approve the HRRRA financial statements through March 31, 2013 as presented. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 73 in favor.)

Old Business

a. E-waste collection and recycling contract (Attachment D)

M. Gill reminded members that WeRecycle did not make the state list for certified e-waste recyclers. HRRRA put out an RFP and each town's public works director or transfer station operator interviewed the four vendors who responded and met the criteria. They chose Eco International as the new e-waste vendor for the region. The contract between Eco International and HRRRA has been reviewed by legal counsel. HRRRA must authorize the chairman to sign the contract between HRRRA and Eco International to provide the electronic recycling services. There will be a one page agreement for each municipality to adopt. Eco International will pay three cents per pound to each town for CERs, they will accept CFLs; at no charge and will offer an optional direct mailing program for once a year curbside pick-up for individual towns.

C. Reedy will send each town their contract.

Motion by M. Gill, second by F. Hurley, to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement between Eco International and HRRRA to provide the e-waste collection and recycling services for the region. **Vote:** All in favor. (Vote tally: 73 in favor.)

b. Poster Contest results (Attachment E)

J. Iannucci shared the results of the 2013 poster contest participation. This year there was a 2% increase from 2012 even though there was almost no participation from Newtown who brought in over 200 posters in 2012. The award ceremony will take place on Wednesday, April 24th at 5pm at the Union Saving Bank located on North Street in Danbury. An added bonus this year is a performance by CJ May, Recycling Is Magic. J. Iannucci thanked Winters Brothers, All American Waste, Union Savings Bank and Wheelabrator for sponsoring the poster contest.

New Business:

c. Zero Waste Presentation – Abe Scarr from ConnPIRG

M. Gill introduced Abe Scarr from Connecticut Public Interest Research Group. A. Scarr gave a 15 minute presentation on zero waste, what it means to Connecticut and how it can be implemented.

d. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2013-14

M. Gill appointed L. Kulowiec, J. Urice, and S. Von-Holt as the 2013-14 nominating committee.

F. Hurley thanked all the towns for their support during the December 14th tragedy and especially thanked Wheelabrator who is working with Newtown to create a memorial.

Adjournment: Motion by M. Gill, second by J. Urice, to adjourn the meeting at 11:23a.m. Vote: All in favor. (Vote tally: 73 in favor.)