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HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, August 22, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Brookfield Town Hall – Second Floor Conference Room

Members or Alternates Present and Voting:

Brookfield, Bob Silvaggi	7
Danbury, Mark Boughton / Joel Urice	35
Kent, Dolores Schiesel	1
New Fairfield, Mike Gill	6
New Milford, Suzanne Von Holt	13
Newtown, Herb Rosenthal	12
Redding, Natalie Ketcham	4
Ridgefield, Rudolph Marconi	11
Sherman, Andrea O'Connor	<u>2</u>
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Others Present:

Cheryl Reedy, HRRRA Director
 Les Pinter, Corp. Counsel Ofc., Danbury
 Ed Hayes, Sherman Alternate
 Tom Newsome, Redding Alternate
 Robert Metzler, HRRRA Counsel
 Fred Hurley, Newtown Alternate
 David Stevenson, State Rep. Candidate
 Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General
 Mike Cole, Asst. Atty. Gen., by phone

Members Not Present

Bethel, Bob Burke
Bridgewater, Bill Stuart

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gill at 10:02 a.m. with a quorum of 91 votes present from nine municipalities.

Public Comment

- David Stevenson, candidate for State Representative in the 107th district thanked the Authority for their work and the members for their time and effort.
- Attorney General Richard Blumenthal addressed the Authority to report on his meeting with the US Attorney's Office (USAO) the day before. (Assistant Attorney General Mike Cole was on speaker phone for this section of the meeting.) AG Blumenthal said he was not speaking for the USAO, but that he was able to report on the criteria and process below to be used for the sale of the forfeited assets:
 - All bids will be considered for any assets for which a bidder wants to bid.
 - Bidders will be able to bid for less than the total package of assets.
 - The award of bid(s) as well as the way in which the assets will be sold will be flexible.
 - The paramount criteria for determining the winning bid(s) will be what serves the public interest, not what produces the most revenue.
 - There will be no auction of assets before the end of the year.

- The Attorney General's office remains willing to help and support HRRRA in the bidding process.

Authority members thanked the Attorney General for his help and called his report "good news" for moving forward to reach the Authority's goal of owning and operating the White Street transfer station in the public interest.

Chairman's and Members' Comments - None

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion** by A. O'Connor, second by H. Rosenthal, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2008 HRRRA meeting as presented. **Vote:** S. Von Holt and D. Schiesel abstaining; all others in favor.

Additional Appropriation

- **Motion** by H. Rosenthal, second by R. Marconi, to approve an additional appropriation of \$1,500 from Municipal Hauler Registration revenue in excess of budget to the Municipal Hauler Registration Reimbursement line. **Vote:** All in favor.

Real Property Acquisition

- **Motion** by N. Ketcham, second by A. O'Connor, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy for acquisition of real property in the City of Danbury and invite into the executive session all members and alternate, the HRRRA Director, HRRRA legal counsel and City of Danbury corporation counsel. **Vote:** All in favor.
- The Authority entered executive session at 10:18 a.m. and came out of executive session at 11:20 a.m. Mark Boughton entered the meeting at 11:00 a.m. during the executive session. No votes were taken after coming out of executive session.

Adjournment: **Motion** by H. Rosenthal, second by N. Ketcham, to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m. **Vote:** All in favor.