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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting  
Thursday, October 6, 2011, 10:30 a.m.  
Redding Transfer Station and the Ridgefield Recycling Center**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. at the Redding Transfer Station. Those present included L. Kulowiec (RE), E. Rossini (RI), S. Von Holt (NM), A. Miles (NE), C. Loudon (NF), D. DeMuth (BE/BOE), A. Cordano (RI/BOE), E. Ratcliffe (NE), C. Reedy (HRRRA) and J. Iannucci (HRRRA). Guest, Tim Flanagan (Hudson Baylor).

**Approval of Minutes**

No motion was made to approve minutes of June 2, 2011.

**Visit the Redding Transfer Station and Ridgefield Recycling Center**

Larry Kulowiec, Operations Manager of the Redding Transfer Station & Recycling Center gave the RRTF Members a full tour of the Redding facility. L. Kulowiec shared the history of the land and buildings from when it was a landfill in the early 1960's to the late 1980's when the Highway Department built it up to what it is today. Redding currently has a pay as you throw program. The Recycling Center is open 4 days a week and is run by 4 to 6 employees. The waste that comes into the facility is weighed and transported to the Ridgefield Transfer Station. Due to vendor contracts, Redding is still running a dual-stream recycling program.

Ellen Rossini, Ridgefield Highway Department Administrator along with Tim Flanagan, Vice President of Engineering & Safety for Hudson Baylor gave the RRTF Members a tour of the Ridgefield Recycling Center. The 1960 building was built on the closed local landfill. It is managed by the Ridgefield Highway Department and owned and operated by Hudson Baylor Corporation. The Facility is permitted as a recycling facility. They now accept single stream recycling. Residents are still able to sort their own recycling or leave as a single stream mix. The facility is open Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30-3pm.

E. Rossini and L. Kulowiec provided a light breakfast and lunch to all the members. During lunch additional agenda items were discussed.

**Photograph of RRTF Members**

An RRTF group photograph will be taken at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Municipal Recycling Goals for 2011-12**

Members were reminded to begin thinking about goals for the November meeting.

**Items to be Raised by Members**

HRRRA Director, Cheryl Reedy shared the news that CT DEEP was given a grant to purchase Clearstream Recyclers. The ClearStream Recycler is a transportable recycling bin. The "bin" is a metal frame that

allows a clear bag to fit around it and a lid with three 4" circular restricted openings for collecting beverage containers. CT DEEP will distribute a number of these units to each region. HRRRA will work with the individual municipalities in the region to make them easily available. The idea is to allow towns to borrow the Clearstream Recyclers for town events, such as, outdoor concerts, fair days, etc. Data will be collected from the events and sent to DEEP. HRRRA is asking RRTF members to list local events within each participating town and dates.

### **E-waste Contest**

WeRecycle is currently running an e-waste contest for which Connecticut municipality can collect the most electronics. This will be measured by pounds collected per capita over the contest period. It's open to all cities and towns and runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 8<sup>th</sup>. Residents just have to bring their electronics to any recycling site or location where e-waste is collected in their town. The program hopes to increase participation at the recycling centers and keep e-waste out of the MSW waste stream. Municipalities can win cash and prizes.

### **Adjournment**

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 1:30.