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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Room 209, Brookfield Town Hall**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Those present included, J. Hanson (RE), S. Von Holt (NM), D. DeMuth (BE BOE), E. Rossini (RI), S. Conn (BK), M. Flanagan (BE), C. Praissman (BK), K. LeJava (BK), P. Oberg (AAW), R. Bingham (WB), B. Creighton (AAW), Molly McGeehin Ridgefield RACE, Tiffany Carlson HRRA Recycling Educator and C. Reedy (HRRA). On the phone for the meeting were A. Miles (NE) and J. Iannucci (HRRA).

Approval of Minutes

Motion by P. Oberg, second by S. Von Holt, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2016, as presented.

Vote: All in favor except for D. DeMuth who abstained.

2016 Municipal/School Recycling Goals

- R. Byrnes submitted Sherman's 2016 recycling goals by e-mail since she could not attend. They include:
 - Organize a one-day e-waste collection day in Sherman
 - Organize a paper shredding day in Sherman
 - Apply for a grant to start a home composting program

- S. Von Holt submitted the following 2016 recycling goals for New Milford:
 - Continue the coordination of the HHWD for the towns of New Milford, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Kent, Roxbury, Sherman, Warren and Washington.
 - Continue to participate and to increase the number of students entering the Bill Board contest.
 - Continue with cell phone and battery collection at the Health Department office.
 - Continue to provide the NM Recycling Center with appropriate and updated recycling materials for the employees and the public.
 - Update the Health Department web site to add the single stream poster, electronics recycling, mattress recycling, add the WOW Guide, etc. (The Health Department Office Coordinator's position is responsible for the web site and she will be replaced in the near future, the new person in this position will be given this responsibility)
 - Participate in the TREX competition in 2017.
 - Focus on PSA's to be published in the newspaper geared towards recycling.

- During the annual inspections of day care centers, see if recycling is being done and find out if recycling is being taught to the older children.
- Implement an organics recycling program at the NM Recycling center. This may also include the towns of Brookfield and Sherman.
- Reached out to the new Facilities Maintenance Manager, Kevin Munrett. Either he or someone he chooses will attend the Monthly HRRRA Recycling Committee meetings. Would like to see the following to be implemented in the schools or may already be in place:
 - Implement employee recognition of custodians regarding their recycling efforts.
 - Increase the volume of what is being recycled in the cafeterias.
 - Increase recycling of metals.
 - Implement organics recycling.

Billboard Contest

All members reported having heard from Justin Madden, who is managing the contest for this year. He can be reached at billboard@hrra.org. There are still templates at the HRRRA office for those towns that need them. Judging for the billboard contest will take place at the next RRTF meeting – the funnest meeting of the year!

Field Trip Date

The Field Trip to Novamont was set for Thursday, March 31st. It will take the place of the April RRTF meeting. J. Hanson said he would not be able to attend, but all others at the meeting were available on that date.

CT Recycling Coalition Conference Report

Several folks from our region attended the CRC Conference in January including J. Iannucci, C. Reedy, S. Conn, J. Madden and R. Bingham. C. Reedy gave a quick overview of the various panel discussions including one on product stewardship, one on organics processing, one on the issues MRFs have dealing with glass, and one with members of the legislature's Environment Committee. Two anaerobic digesters (ADs) are in the permitting process with DEEP.

Draft CMMS Update

The draft CMMS is due out any day but has not yet been released. When it does come out there will be a public comment period and at least one public hearing. It is expected to include recommendations for an expansion of the bottle bill in order to get more glass out of single stream, for more product stewardship programs and for more food composting.

Items to be Raised by Members

- M. Flanagan thanked HRRRA for looking out for municipalities' liability.
- J. Hanson said RE had to dispose of used motor oil for the first time since PCB testing has been required by transporters. He used CT Testing Labs in Meriden and paid \$30 for a courier to take the sample back and forth in about a week. There was a big credit application to fill out, otherwise it was an easy process. He learned that used antifreeze does not need to be tested.
- C. Reedy reminded members that T. Carlson's role is only to do the recycling education programs she has set up through J. Iannucci at schools in the region. That is all she is paid to do.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Minutes taken by Cheryl Reedy, HRRRA Assistant Director.