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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday February 7, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. Those present included, L. Kulowiec (RE), T. Tibolla (BK), C. Loudon (NF), R. Byrnes (SH), P. Prunty (DA), S. VonHolt (NM), E. Rossini (RI) A. Rodriguez (BK), P. Oberg (AAW), J. Iannucci (HRRR), and C. Reedy (HRRR)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by T. Tibolla, second by R. Byrnes, to approve the minutes of January 3, 2013 as presented. **Vote:** All in favor

The Recycling Task Force welcomed Angelo Rodriguez from the Brookfield Public Schools as a new member of the RRTF.

Municipal Recycling Goals review 2012 and set 2013 goals

City of Danbury - Goals for 2013 as reported by P. Prunty

- Reach out to more civic organizations and social clubs prior to the Clean City Danbury Day to see if we can have more (teams) that are assigned to specific streets to clean up debris and litter.
- Look into better promoting the “Recycling truck” schedule from 10-2 each day during the week.
- Coordinate with CityCenter Danbury and provide adequate information to help promote a Recycling conscious downtown. (Merchant meetings)
Continue to have the Mayor tweet about HRRR Initiatives (broad spectrum of followers)
- Add the blurbs of information provided by Cheryl into the different means of communication that the Mayor provides to the Danbury residents. (Whether it be tax bills, Bi-Monthly newsletters, etc.

Town of Bethel - Goals set for 2013 as reported by C. Reedy on behalf of D. DeMuth

- Film and broadcast student television show for recycling awareness
- Advertise dates through Superintendent’s newsletter for proper disposal of medications by Bethel Police Department
- Continue to participate in the Annual Recycling Video Contest
- Participate in the Got Books fundraising program
- Continue to participate in the HRRR hazardous waste day collections
- Continue to participate in the Annual Recycling Poster Contest
- Continue collection of bottles and cans in all school cafeterias
- Continue disposal of electronic equipment through We-Recycle
- Continue use of paper trays at High and Middle schools
- Include statements on each bid spec stating preference for use of recycle products and do business with companies that recycle and respect the environment (need an example statement)

- Town and School recycling goals are standardized regarding sports fields
- Will implement employee recognition of custodians regarding recycling efforts in their yearly reviews
- Self Evaluation checklist completed and the following practices are in place at Board of Education offices: monthly recycling of plastic, bottles and cans, monthly shredding of confidential documents, cardboard and paper recycling, purchase of green products for the office
- Participate in cartridge recycling program through a local company

2013 Poster and Video Contest

J. Iannucci asked members if there were any questions regarding the poster contest, there were none. She reminded members the posters are due to coordinators at the end of February and the regional judging will take place March 14th.

J. Iannucci reviewed the list of video contest coordinators and asked if there were any additional volunteers. List consisted of: A. Cardano (RI), K. Solomon (NM), D. DeMuth (BE), L. Kuloweic (RE), R. Byrnes (SH), P. Prunty (DA). Those towns who have not announced a coordinator should contact J. Iannucci as soon as possible. The coordinators name and email address will be listed on the HRRRA website.

C. Reedy announced the video contest has two major sponsors, All American Waste and Winters Brothers.

RRTF Field Trip

Due to the upcoming poster and video contest judging the field trip to Winters Brothers will need to be postponed to May.

WOW Guide

Members reviewed and discussed a draft version of the new Wipe Out Waste Guide Book. HRRRA will print approximately 2000-3000 copies that will be distributed equally to participating HRRRA municipalities. The Guide may also be distributed to the News Times, local realtors, and handed out at school educational programs.

Items to be Raised by Members

J. Iannucci reminded RRTF members the Coca-Cola/Keep America Beautiful Recycling Bin Grant Program application is due March 4th.

C. Reedy asked members if the information sent out regarding Single Stream Recycling and electronics for their town newsletters was helpful. She is planning to create 11-12 additional pieces to be used for future town publications.

L. Kuloweic will send information to HRRRA regarding Grease Recycling. He also pointed out the Mom & Pop flyer needs to be corrected regarding pricing for e-waste.

C. Reedy shared the current status of the upcoming paint recycling program. HRRRA attended two recent meetings on the implementation of recycling paint in Connecticut. The program is on track to begin July 1st. The marketing of the program will be gradual to ease the transition for HHW days and retail drop sites.

L. Kuloweic shared that UConn and DEEP have information available on their website regarding how to dispose of invasive species properly.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:53a.m.