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Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2016, 10:30 a.m.
Room 209, Brookfield Town Hall
100 Pocono Rd, Brookfield, CT
Call in Number: 605-475-6711 Access Code: 473-8816#

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. Those present included, J. Hanson (RE), L. Gramling (BK BOE), T. Tibolla (BK BOE), R. Byrnes (SH), S. Von Holt (NM), A. Miles (NE), 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), K. Vallera (AAW), Tiffany Carlson HRRRA Recycling Educator, J. Madden HRRRA Intern, and J. Iannucci and C. Reedy (HRRRA). There was no one on the phone for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by S. Von Holt, second by S. Conn, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2016, as presented.

Vote: All in favor.

Novamont Field Trip

The field trip to Novamont North America in Shelton, CT, which makes biodegradable plastic bags, will take place on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Those who want to carpool or caravan to Novamont should meet at the Exit 9 commuter parking lot no later than 9:30 a.m. on March 31st.

WRAP Campaign

DEEP, working with the American Chemistry Council, CT MRFs, the CT Food Association for grocers and local leaders around the state is trying to start a pilot program in CT to collect more plastic film for recycling and decrease the amount of plastic bags in our single stream collections. J. Iannucci is on the steering committee for this program which encourages all municipalities to sign up to become WRAP Champions at plasticfilmrecycling.org. If schools in the region are interested in becoming drop off locations for plastic film, All American Waste is offering a pilot program to pick up the film and take it to a recycler for no charge if there is sufficient interest and volume. K. Vallera will assign a point person for the area to contact for interested schools. While the TREX contest runs from Nov. 15 to Apr. 22 each year, under the WRAP program schools can collect plastic film all year long.

Organics Recycling and CT DEEP Grant

Any town interested in starting a drop off organics collection program should make use of the CT DEEP grant program now while funds are still available. Be sure to request the maximum budget of \$20,000. Assistance is available through the HRRRA office in helping with the grant if needed.

Billboard Contest Judging

K. Vallera and B. Creighton left the meeting at this point. Members remaining judged the first place entries from all the municipalities in the region for the billboard contest as well as all Danbury entries to choose local first, second and third place winners for Danbury since there was no coordinator for the City this year. The regional winners list is attached to these minutes.

Items to be Raised by Members

- J. Iannucci reminded everyone that it will soon be event season and towns should make sure their stock of Clear Stream portable recycling bins is in good repair and ready to be loaned out, and that they have plenty of clear stream plastic bags. Anyone needing a refresher on the use of Google calendar and the bin lending program or anyone needing additional bags should contact Jen.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes taken by Cheryl Reedy, HRRR Assistant Director.