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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday May 1, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. Those present included, B. Sullivan (BW), T. Tibolla (BK), S. Von Holt (NM), A. Miles (NE), D. Demuth (BE), E. Rossini (RI), R. Bingham (Winters), P. Oberg (All American), J. Iannucci (HRRRA) and C. Reedy (HRRRA)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by P. Oberg second by A. Miles, to approve the minutes of April 3, 2014 as presented. Vote: All in favor. S. Von Holt abstained.

Poster Contest award ceremony

J. Iannucci shared the success of the Poster Contest Award Ceremony. It was another great year. We hope that more Mayors and First Selectmen will be able to attend next year.

TREX Contest results

J. Iannucci announced the winner of the 2013-14 TREX contest was the Boys & Girls Club of Ridgefield. Sherman School came in second and Bridgewater's Burnham School came in third.

Battery and Carpet Dialogue registration

C. Reedy reminded task force members that the carpet dialogue will take place for two days in May, the 14th and 15th and the battery dialogue June 11-12th. If RRTF members are unable to attend in person, both events are available through a webinar and it is free. Members would be free to login at times that meet their schedule or during agenda items that interest them specifically.

C. Reedy asked members if any towns are experiencing issues with Carpet. R. Bingham said he would report after the Danbury Clean City event.

Update on meeting with Deputy Commissioner Macky McCleary at WestConn.

C. Reedy gave an update on the meeting with Macky McCleary that took place on April 22nd. The meeting was not well attended but there was representation from most of the region. Macky discussed the proposed bill SB27. HRRRA had requested a change in wording regarding the possible assigning of municipalities to recycling regions. Since the meeting, a new draft was written that removed that piece and replaced it with more acceptable language. Macky also discussed how the bill will restructure CRRA, help to attract funding from Non-Profits and Corporations to support more recycling education in the state

and the bill addresses pushing the recycling rate to 60% by 2024. It also moves the state away from the promotion of waste to energy and more towards resource recovery and material management.

Bay State Textiles

J. Iannucci asked members if anyone had received their textile bin. All the RRTF members present said no. HRRRA will follow-up with Paul Curry to see what the status is.

Bridgewater Organics update

J. Iannucci gave an update on the Bridgewater Organics Program. It's in its 5th week. To date the program has collected 3220 pounds of organic material in the first 4 weeks of pick-up. There has been almost no contamination in the material. Many residents have written to J. Iannucci about their positive experience with the program and some even want a second bin. The discussion moved to other towns that might be interested in piloting a program next year. A. Miles mentioned that Newtown has some interest. S. Von Holt suggested maybe at the recycling center as a self haul option. And E. Rossini was interested in Ridgefield as well at the recycling center.

Bin Lending review

J. Iannucci reviewed the process to add events to the Google Calendar for the bin lending program. J. Iannucci reminded members to have the person or organization borrowing the bins fill out the online survey after their event. She will send the link to members.

Items to be raised by members

There was a brief discussion about mattresses. Containers are not due to arrive until mid 2015.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.