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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday October 2, 2014, 10:30 a.m.
Automated Materials Handling Facility
655 Christina Lane #3
Berlin, CT 06037**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:05a.m. Those present included, S. Von Holt (NM), J. Sumple (NE), E. Ratcliffe (NE), E. Rossini (RI), R. Kowaleski (Winters), P. Oberg (All American), E. Fredericksen (All American), J. Iannucci (HRRRA)

Tour single stream recycling plant

E. Fredericksen gave a tour of the All American/USA Automated Materials Handling Facility in Berlin CT that explained how the material that is received there is separated and bailed for the market. He explained the issues they have with contamination and the importance of public education.

Approval of minutes of June 5, 2014

There were no minutes distributed to approve.

Cards for RRTF members

Two cards were passed around at the meeting for folks to sign in honor of two RRTF members

Video Contest update

J. Iannucci gave a brief reminder that the deadline for the video contest is fast approaching. The award ceremony is scheduled for Friday, November 14th.

Poster Contest start

J. Iannucci shared the possible theme for the 2015 poster contest. *"I want to be recycled, what can I be"* or *"Re-think and Re-image"* Students create artwork that represents the conversion of recycled material. For example a PET bottle made into a carpet or a newspaper into a pencil.

Mattress stewardship program update

The Mattress stewardship program is on target to begin February 2015. Towns that wish to participate should contact HRRRA or CT DEEP.

Bay State Textiles Oct. 15 presentation

Bay State Textiles is presenting to PTO members and Municipalities at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Southbury on October 15th. They are offering a rebate to organizations and towns for the collected material. J. Iannucci handed out the flyer.

Report on Bridgewater Organics Program

J. Iannucci and E. Fredericksen shared that the Bridgewater Organics program will continue with modifications. A 10 question survey will be sent to participants to gather information to help plan the future of the program.

Newtech Logistics update and feedback from towns

J. Iannucci asked members if there was any update or feedback regarding the e-waste program. There were no issues or feedback reported.

TREX contest – sign up before Nov. 15

J. Iannucci reminded Task Force Members that if they wish to participate in the TREX contest to contact Stephanie Hicks. The contest runs from November 15 to April 22.

Carpet recycler opens in Massachusetts

J. Iannucci shared information about the new carpet recycler in Massachusetts, Carpet Recycling Services, Attleboro MA. This will help in the effort to bring carpet recycling to Connecticut.

Changed date for next meeting – Oct. 30

J. Iannucci reminded members that the November meeting has been moved up a week to October 30th to accommodate those who may be attending the NERC conference. The annual video contest regional judging will take place at the meeting.

Items to be Raised by Members

There were no items raised by members.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm