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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday December 5, 2013, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. Those present included, T. Tibolla (BK), R. Byrnes (SH), P. Prunty (DA), S. Von Holt (NM), A. Miles (NE), E. Rossini (RI), J. Barnell-Drescher (Winters), P. Oberg (All American Waste), J. Iannucci (HRRA) and C. Reedy (HRRA)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by P. Oberg second by S.VonHolt, to approve the minutes of November 7, 2013 as presented.
Vote: All in favor

Municipal Annual Recycling Goals for 2014

Town of Newtown Recycling Goals for 2014 as reported by A. Miles

- Update Town's website to make it easier for residents to get information about where and what to recycle.
- Re-bid curbside recycling to implement larger totes for curbside pick-up
- Educate and monitor recycling efforts at the transfer station

Town of Bethel, Public Schools, Goals for 2014-2015 as reported by D. Demuth

- Film and broadcast student television show for recycling awareness
- Continue to participate in the Annual Recycling Video Contest
- Participate in the Got Books fundraising program
- Continue to participate in the HRRA 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 HRRA approved company
- 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
- Contribute recycling news and info to Superintendent's newsletter

Feedback on NewTech Recycling e-waste collection process

J. Iannucci asked the Task Force how the transition from Eco International to NewTech has gone. Many reported it has been seamless. Many are still waiting for CFL boxes.

Poster Contest

J. Iannucci reported the HRRRA will gift the Poster Contest Coordinator with the highest percentage increase from last year with a \$150 Visa gift card. If more copies of the templates are needed, coordinators should contact J. Iannucci via email.

TREX Contest

The TREX contest has started. J. Iannucci asked what towns are participating. Bethel, Sherman, Ridgefield and Bridgewater are all participating this year. It's not too late to join the contest. Contact J. Iannucci for contest information.

There was discussion about the locations where bags can be dropped off. J. Iannucci will contact TREX to get a clearer understanding why Big Y and other locations that take plastic bags are not on the list.

Items to be Raised by members

J. Iannucci passed out information regarding a \$1000 scholarship from the Compost Council. They are giving away two \$1000 scholarships to High School Seniors to encourage students interested in composting research.

S. Von Holt asked if HRRRA has done anything about the new Food Waste Law and whether New Milford should be reaching out to local businesses. C. Reedy shared that HRRRA has sent a letter to all food generating businesses in the region along with haulers regarding the new law that will take effect January 1, 2014. HRRRA has not received any feedback from the letters. J. Barnell asked for a copy of the letter.

C. Reedy shared news of the proposed Transfer Station on Plum Tree Road in Danbury. The TS permit indicates the TS will accept MSW, C&D and Recycling. The project has not received zoning approval from the City of Danbury.

E. Rossini shared the news from Ridgefield that they have now transitioned from Cash to Charge at the Transfer Station.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.