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HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 10, 2017, 12:30 pm
Room 133 Brookfield Town Hall
100 Pocono Rd, Brookfield, CT 06804

Members or Alternates Present

Bethel, Matthew Knickerbocker	8
Brookfield, Steve Dunn	7
Danbury, Joel Urice	36
Kent, Bruce Adams	1
New Fairfield, Susan Chapman	6
New Milford, David Gronbach	12
Newtown, Herb Rosenthal	12
Redding, Jeff Hanson	4
Ridgefield, Rudy Marconi	11
Sherman, Clay Cope	2
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Others Present:

Suzanne Von Holt, New Milford Alternate
 Fred Hurley, Newtown Alternate
 Bob Metzler, Legal Council
 Ken Vallera, All American Waste
 Brian Creighton, All American Waste
 Jennifer Heaton-Jones, HRRRA Director
 Robin Bennett, HRRRA Administrative Assistant

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marconi at 12:32 p.m. with a quorum of 99 votes present from ten municipalities. Everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Regional Recycling Agreement – Proposed agreement for a temporary increase to the recycling tip fee and reduction in HRRRA recycling rebate:

The Chairman requested the HRRRA Director J. Heaton-Jones give an overview. J. Heaton-Jones reported that the current recycling market has taken a downturn because of changes in China’s import policy. This has impacted MRF’s throughout the country and recyclables have stockpiled. Winters Bros. requested an increase in the HRRRA recycling tip fee from the current \$25.00 to \$45.00 and a decrease in the HRRRA recycling rebate from \$7.50 to \$5.00 to help them manage the financial impact. After discussions between K. Nolan, R. Marconi and J. Heaton-Jones the parties agreed on the negotiated amounts of \$37.50 for the tip fee and \$6.25 for the rebate. The HRRRA Director did reach out to other MRF operators in the state to confirm the local impact. J. Heaton-Jones and R. Marconi met with K. Nolan and J. Barnell of Winters Bros. to discuss their request and after a

detailed discussion at the HRRRA office the Chairman authorized Legal Counsel to draft a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Regional Single Stream Recycling Service Agreement to reflect a temporary request. Chairman Marconi asked for any discussion. J. Urice asked if there is any indication that the current market conditions will change soon. J. Heaton-Jones answered that Winters Bros. believes the market will bounce back mid November but they won't know until the December 5th OCC report. Chairman Marconi asked where the shortfall will be impacted in the budget. J. Heaton-Jones said that HRRRA's budget will be impacted by approximately \$1,000.00 a month and that it will likely come out of the education budget. R. Marconi asked the Director to hold \$3500 of the education budget aside until the end of the MOU. D. Gronbach asked if any other authorities have been impacted. K. Vallera from All American Waste has felt the effects. All American Waste has also adjusted their tip fees as a result of the tight policies. K. Vallera also shared that China's delivery standards are so tight now that they are rejected some loads and returning them to the states at a heavy cost.

Motion by J. Urice, **second** by C. Cope, to execute the agreement as presented and to date it October 10, 2017 and give the HRRRA Executive Committee the authority to extend the MOU for an additional period of approximately one month. **Vote:** All in favor. (99 yes votes.)

Adjournment: On a **motion** by C. Cope, **second** by J. Urice, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm. **Vote:** All in favor of adjournment. (99 yes votes)

Respectfully submitted:

Robin Bennett,

HRRRA Administrative Assistant