



HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

Room 133, Brookfield Town Hall

100 Pocono Road, Brookfield, CT 06804

Members or Alternates Present

Bethel, Matthew Knickerbocker	8
Bridgewater, Curtis Read	1
Brookfield, Sheldon Conn	7
Danbury, Joel Urice	36
New Milford, Suzanne Von Holt	12
Newtown, Herb Rosenthal	12
Redding, Julia Pemberton	4
Ridgefield, Rudolph Marconi	11
Sherman, Don Lowe	<u>2</u>
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Others Present:

Dan Rosenthal, Newtown
Fred Hurley, Newtown
Ken Vallera, AAW
Brian Creighton, AAW
Mike Brennon, Oak Ridge
Bob Hanna, New Milford

Members Absent

Kent
New Fairfield

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman R. Marconi at 3:02 p.m. with a quorum of 93 votes present from nine towns. R. Marconi led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Regional Waste and Recycling Contract MSW Tip Fee

Motion by M. Knickerbacker, second by D. Lowe, to go into executive session for the purpose to discuss Oak Ridge's request to increase the MSW tip fee as well as to invite the HRRR Alternates, the Executive Director and staff and Newtown 1st Selectman, D. Rosenthal. **Vote:** All in favor. (93 yes votes.) The Authority entered executive session at 3:05 p.m. J. Pemberton arrived 3:07pm. The Authority came out of executive session at 3:45 p.m. The Authority returned to public session at 3:46 p.m. **Motion** by J. Urice, second by D. Lowe, to modify the tip fee in the contract between the HRRR and Oak Ridge effective July 1, 2019. The tip fee for municipal drop-off locations will be \$88.21 for the FY 2019-20.

The tip fee for HRRR haulers will be \$90.75 effective July 1, 2019, and will increase to \$93.75 January 1, 2020 until June 30, 2020. For the remaining years of the contract the tip fee will increase \$1.56 on July 1 of each year **Vote:** 69 yes votes, 24 votes against from the towns of Newtown and New Milford. Motion passes.

R. Marconi instructed the Executive Director to draft a press release to explain the increase and include language about the financial impact to the residents of the region. Beginning July, 2019 the increase is

estimated to impact a household generating 1.25 tons of waste a year .525 cents per month and an additional .625 cent increase after January 2020 until June 30, 2020. Beginning July 1, 2020 the annual impact for a household that generates 1.25 tons of material would be .1625 cents per month or a \$1.95 per year. The Executive Director pointed out the less households, the less they will spend in disposal cost.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2019 Meeting

Motion by J. Urice, second by D. Lowe to accept the minutes as presented. **Vote:** All in favor. (93 yes votes.)

Adjournment

Motion by M. Knickerbocker, second S. Von Holt, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. **Vote:** All in favor of adjournment. (93 yes votes.)

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Carlson
Administrative Assistant