



## **HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY**

### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 11, 2019, 10:00 a.m.**

**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
New Fairfield, Susan Chapman	6
New Milford, Pete Bass	12
Newtown, Herbert Rosenthal	12
Redding, Julia Pemberton	4
Ridgefield, Rudolph Marconi	11
Sherman, Don Lowe	2
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#### **Others Present:**

Sheldon Conn, Brookfield Director Public Works  
Kim Hanson, New Fairfield Selectman  
Fred Hurley, Newtown Director of Public Works  
Suzanne Von Holt, New Milford Sanitarian  
John Decker, CEO Oak Ridge  
Mike Brennan, Oak Ridge  
Ken Vallera, All American Waste

#### **Members Absent:**

Bridgewater	1
Kent	1

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, M. Knickerbocker at 10:03 a.m. with a quorum of 94 votes present from 8 municipalities. M. Knickerbocker led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

J. Pemberton, Town of Redding arrived at 10:10am during old business (a). Bringing the quorum to 98 with 9 municipalities.

#### **Public Comment:**

No public comment.

#### **Chairman and Members' Comments:**

H. Rosenthal gave feedback to Oak Ridge representatives concerning the traffic routes of trucks leaving white street heading to Wheelabrator as discussed at 7/3/19 HRRRA special meeting providing the names of specific 3<sup>rd</sup> party tractor trailers observed on Main Street in Newtown. Additionally, H. Rosenthal ask Oak Ridge representatives if James Galante was involved in any way with Oak Ridge and/or its affiliates. J. Decker stated Mr. Galante is not an investor, director or employed by Oak Ridge. A business of Mr. Galante's is an Oak Ridge vendor providing fuel to their Shelton facility.

#### **Director's Report:**

J. Heaton-Jones highlighted the following items from her report:

- 2019-20 Annual Hauler Registration and Permitting is underway. The hard deadline is July 31, 2019 at 4pm. The HRRRA is providing new registration stickers that will allow for quick visual confirmation of which municipality a hauler is registered to do business in.

**Administrative Approvals:**

**Minutes - Motion** by S. Dunn, second by J. Urice, to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2019 (attachment A).

**Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 94 votes in favor.

**Old Business:**

a) **Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Agreement – Oak Ridge request to increase the Recycling Tip Fee:**

**Motion** by S. Dunn, second by J. Urice to enter executive session inviting J. Heaton-Jones and T. Carlson for the purpose to discuss contract negotiations. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 98 votes in favor.

At 10:42 a.m. the Authority invited J. Decker and M. Brennan to enter executive session. P. Bass left the meeting at 10:42 a.m. with alternate S. Von Holt assuming the voting position. D. Lowe left the meeting at 10:53 a.m. H. Rosenthal left the meeting at 10:56 a.m. with alternate F. Hurley assuming the voting position. The Authority came out of executive session at 11:14 a.m. with a quorum of 96 votes present from 8 municipalities.

**Motion** by J. Urice, second by S. Dunn to continue the current temporary recycling tip fee of \$65 until the September 23, 2019 HRRRA regular meeting on the condition Oak Ridge provide the Authority with the requested ACR calculation and supporting data used to determine recycling processing cost no later than September 16th. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 96 votes in favor.

**Adjournment**

On a **motion** by S. Chapman, second by S. Dunn the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. **Vote:** All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Carlson, Administrative Assistant