

Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting Thursday, December 10, 2020, 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance

J. Heaton-Jones called the meeting to order via zoom at 9:04 a.m. In attendance were A. Freitas (BE), A. Dinho (BW), S. Conn (BK), K. LeJava (BK/BOE), J. Kearns (KE), A. Miles (NE), P. Palmer (RE), R. Byrnes (SH), and P. Oberg and A. Regan, All American Waste, J. Heaton-Jones, HRRA, and J. Baum, HRRA.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by A. Miles, second by A. Dinho, to approve the minutes of September 10, 2020 as presented. **Vote:** All in favor.

Motion by A. Freitas, second by P. Palmer, to approve the minutes of November 6, 2020 as presented. **Vote:** All in favor, with one abstention by R. Byrnes.

Annual Recycling Billboard Contest – update/status

- J. Baum announced all contest details have been posted to the HRRA website. The deadline has been extended to January 15, 2020. Plastic bins and entry forms will be delivered on Friday, December 11, 2020.
- J. Heaton-Jones announced the coordinator of the grand prize winner will receive a gift. All coordinators will receive a note of thanks in the next couple weeks.

Public Education and Outreach to Address Contamination

- J. Heaton-Jones reviewed the Recycling Coordinator listed for each HRRA town on the CT DEEP website. The following municipalities require updates:
 - Danbury lists Charles Kindya as the recycling coordinator and should be updated.
 - New Milford lists Michael Zarba and should be updated.
 - New Fairfield lists Russ Louden and should be confirmed that this is correct.
 - Ridgefield lists Rudy Marconi and Ellen Rossini, which needs to be updated.
 - Weston lists Lou Martirano and should be updated.

The Recycling Coordinator indicated for the remaining HRRA Municipalities are correctly listed. Each person should consider if they are the best fit for the recycling coordinator role due to time constraints. The recycling coordinator will play a key role in implementing state initiatives as they are passed by the state. Municipalities should consider creating a part-time position to assist with implementing state initiatives. It is a concern that current Recycling Coordinator's do not have the time available to maintain current position and implement new initiatives.

Items to be raised by members

None

Adjournment

Motion by A. Miles, second by P. Palmer to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.