



**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom**

MINUTES

In Attendance

J. Baum called the meeting to order via zoom at 10:04 a.m. In attendance were A. Freitas (BE), A. Dinho (BW), S. Conn (BK), K. LeJava (BK/BOE), J. Kearns (KE), A. Miles (NE), M. Smith (NF), S. Von Holt (NM), P. Palmer (RE), R. Byrnes (SH), and P. Oberg and A. Regan, All American Waste, J. Heaton-Jones, HRRRA, and J. Baum, HRRRA.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by M. Smith, second by A. Freitas, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2020 as presented. **Vote:** All in favor, with one abstention by S. Von Holt.

Annual Recycling Billboard Contest – update/status

J. Baum announced several municipalities have elected to extend the artwork deadline due to the circumstances with COVID-19. The deadline now varies per town. The revised deadlines are available on the HRRRA website.

HRRRA has designated an email address for artwork submissions. Students can email their entries to education@hrra.org. HRRRA staff will forward the entry to the appropriate coordinator. In addition, the town halls have a drop box available at the main entrance.

Local and regional judging will take place via zoom.

Glass Recycling Update

The goal is to have a glass container available at every transfer station by the end of January. The municipalities scheduled to receive glass containers are Brookfield, Danbury, Kent, New Milford, Sherman, and Weston. Once all glass containers are in place, HRRRA will launch a glass campaign to educate residents.

J. Baum requested feedback from members on glass education for the community.

- M. Smith stated the glass brochures work well.
- P. Palmer suggested large signs.
- A. Freitas suggested large, colorful signs with something to draw attention to it, such as balloons.
- M. Smith stated that some residents voiced complaints about separating glass and some residents tell him they just “throw it away”. J. Heaton-Jones suggested to the committee to remind residents that recycling is a law in the state of Connecticut.

CT Coalition for Sustainable Material Management

The state has come together and formed a coalition with four areas of focus; EPR, Organics, Unit Based Pricing, and increasing recycling. CT DEEP has a web page devoted to CCSMM that can be found by visiting the CT DEEP website and searching “CCSMM”. The web page includes meeting information, notes, participating towns, and a survey.

Fuel Cylinder Legislation

The CT Product Stewardship Council is in the process of introducing the first EPR bill in the country on gas cylinders.

The Council is pushing for producers to take on more responsibility, including a refill program before recycling the cylinder. The Fuel Cylinder Bill will take about 12-18 months to implement. Transfer Stations will not need to change their permits.

Recycling Coordinator Role

It is important that the recycling coordinators are up to date on the CT DEEP site.

J. Baum requested the members to review the recycling coordinator information listed for their municipalities on the CT DEEP website and to update incorrect information.

J. Baum will send an email with the links to CT DEEP to A. Dinho, M. Smith, and S. Von Holt, as requested.

Items to be raised by members

None

Adjournment

Motion by P. Palmer, second by A. Dinho to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.