



**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, May 13, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Via Zoom**

MINUTES

In Attendance

J. Baum called the meeting to order via zoom at 10:32 a.m. In attendance were A. Freitas (BE), D. Demuth (BE), A. Dinho (BW), S. Conn (BK), K. LeJava (BK/BOE), C. Praissman (BK/BOE), R. Osborne (KE), A. Miles (NE), S. Von Holt (NM), P. Palmer (RE), R. Byrnes (SH), A. Regan (All American Waste), P. Oberg (All American Waste), J. Heaton-Jones, HRRRA, and J. Baum, HRRRA.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by a. Dinho, second by S. Von Holt, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2021 as presented. All in favor.

Glass Recycling Program

Eleven towns have a container to recycle glass separately. J. Heaton-Jones announced there is a hold on the public awareness campaign due to Urban Mining not having the capacity to accommodate the HRRRA glass. Urban Mining is currently building a storage area to hold glass from the HRRRA region.

J. Baum drafted a bulleted list to share with residents that explains why the HRRRA municipalities are separating glass. J. Baum will email the document to all members.

P. Palmer, A. Freitas, and A. Miles stated the glass containers have not been swapped out at the respective transfer stations. J. Heaton-Jones will follow up with Oak Ridge.

R. Byrnes has a glass education awareness program ready for the town of Sherman. The Town of Sherman will run an article in the local newspaper. In addition, information will be posted in the school e-newsletter.

J. Baum offered to assist with language and social media posts to promote the glass recycling program.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

J. Baum informed the members of the Household Hazardous Waste event taking place on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the Bethel High School.

A. Freitas and A. Miles requested posters for their respective transfer stations.

Organics Program - Interns

J. Baum announced that the HRRRA will have two high school interns starting May 17, 2021. The interns will assist with the organics program at the Ridgefield transfer station and New Fairfield Drop-off Center.

S. Von Holt expressed interest in organics program for the Town of New Milford. J. Heaton-Jones stated she had reached out to the New Milford Transfer Station operator to discuss the possibility.

Town Pages on HRRR Website

J. Baum shared the individual town transfer station web pages on the HRRR website. The web pages provide information on the transfer station and how to dispose of items. The website pages are a great resource for residents.

Items to be raised by members

A. Dinho asked about disposal of fire extinguishers and small propane tanks. J. Baum will send an email to transfer station operators on how to dispose of these items.

Adjournment

Motion by A. Miles, second by A. Freitas to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.