



**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting  
Thursday, September 9, 2021, 10:30 a.m.  
Via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance**

J. Baum called the meeting to order via zoom at 10:31 a.m. In attendance were A. Freitas (BE), D. Demuth (BE), K. Galbis (BE), A. Dinho (BW), S. Conn (BK), K. LeJava (BK/BOE), C. Praissman (BK/BOE), R. Osborne (KE), A. Miles (NE), M. Smith (NF), R. Byrnes (SH), J. Fascitelli (WI) 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 A. Miles, to approve the minutes of May 13, 2021, as presented.

**Glass Recycling Program**

J. Baum announced the HRRRA held a press conference on August 21st to officially launch the glass separation program. As of September 1, 2021, HRRRA residents are asked to recycle food and beverage containers separately from the mixed recycling program. Every HRRRA municipality is equipped with a glass collection container.

J. Baum asked members for feedback on the glass program and what municipalities have been doing to promote the glass separation program.

- Dinho stated the program is running great in Bridgewater.
- A. Miles stated the town of Newtown ran an article in a local newspaper.
- J. Fascitelli said the Wilton Town Clerk has been sending the glass brochure to residents with their permits and the program is doing well.
- R. Osborne asked if towns that require permits are requiring permits for glass.
- J. Heaton-Jones responded that transfer stations should follow their usual protocol. The only time a permit would not be required is for the CT product stewardship programs, such as the paint and mattress program.
- D. Demuth inquired about glass separation at schools.
- J. Heaton-Jones stated it is not expected that schools would have a lot of glass and they can continue to place in single stream recycling.

**Recycle CT App**

J. Baum shared that Recycle CT launched an app that can be downloaded on a smart phone. The app allows the user to easily search if an item is “in” or “out”. There is information on the HRRRA Facebook page that can be shared.

In addition, the search tool can be embedded in a website as well. The search tool is on the HRRRA home page.

**Facebook Town Pages**

Most of the towns have a municipal Facebook page or community page in which residents can post questions on waste and recycling. J. Baum requested feedback on how recycling coordinators handle those questions.

M. Smith stated that there are 15 community pages in New Fairfield and responds to questions.

The consensus was that members did not feel comfortable responding to comments using personal Facebook accounts but would do so if they had a “town recycling page”.

### **Transfer Station visits**

J. Baum announced that HRRRA staff will visit HRRRA transfer stations during September and October to communicate with residents and hand out educational material.

### **TREX Program**

TREX will be running the plastic film recycling challenge this year. J. Baum will email the details to schools. C. Prassman will contact the elementary schools in Brookfield and suggested reaching out to scout programs.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Event**

J. Baum informed the members of the Household Hazardous Waste event taking place on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Brookfield High School.

### **Items to be raised by members**

A. Freitas and M. Smith expressed concerns about box springs not getting accepted in the mattress recycling program.

J. Heaton-Jones stated that she will address the concerns with the vendor.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by A. Miles, second by A. Freitas to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.