



**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, December 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), A. Dinho (BW), S. Conn (BK), R. Osborne (KE), J. Kearns (KE), A. Miles (NE), J. Nabors (RX), P. Palmer (RE), J. Fascitelli (WI) A. Regan (All American Waste), P. Oberg (All American Waste), and J. Baum, HRRA.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by P. Palmer, second by S. Von Holt to approve minutes of November 12, 2021, as presented.

Recycling Billboard Contest

The entry form template has been submitted to the printer and will be ready for distribution within the next two weeks. J. Baum will notify coordinators when the forms are available for pickup.

J. Baum is currently confirming the coordinators for each municipality. Upon confirmation, a meeting will be scheduled for the coordinators to review contest details.

The contest theme is "Recycle Your Food Scraps! Compost!"

Organics Programs

Food scraps recycling and food diversion programs are a priority for the State of Connecticut. Food scraps recycling is an instrumental tool in reducing waste. We will be working to expand the food scraps recycling program within our municipalities.

A. Miles shared that the Town of Newtown was able to expand the organics program by attending town events.

Goals for 2022

Action Item: Please have 2022 recycling goals ready to share for the January 2022 meeting.

Due to constraints with COVID-19, recycling initiatives have been affected. The goal for 2022 is to get back on track with recycling programs in communities and schools.

- P. Palmer stated the Town of Redding is looking to increase participants in the Food Scraps Recycling Program and would like to create monthly Facebook blasts with composting information.
- S. Von Holt expressed in interest in having a food scraps recycling program in New Milford.
- J. Nabors shared Roxbury will do a Trash Talk in January with the HRRA. The Conservation Commission will share monthly recycling blurbs in newsletters and via Facebook.

2022 Schedule

The RRTF 2022 schedule will continue meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 10:30 am. The schedule will be posted to the website.

Items to be raised by members

- S. Von Holt inquired about the “miniatures” surcharge per the modernized bottle bill.
- S. Conn asked who is sending the funds and how are the amounts being quantified.
- J. Baum suggested that environmental groups can submit a plan for the funds to the town.
- **Action Item:** J. Baum to email RRTF with the Bottle Bill number and explanation

P. Palmer shared the contact information of the gentleman who collects the redeemable cans and bottles for the Town of Redding.

S. Von Holt stated the Town of New Milford has a gentleman who picks up the redeemable cans and bottles. S. Von Holt will research his contact information to share with the RRTF.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.