



**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting  
Thursday, April 14, 2022, 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 P. Drake (BE), K. Galbis (BE), S. Conn (BK), A. Dinho (BW), J. Barney (DA), J. Speck (KE), A. Miles (NE), S. Von Holt (NM), P. Palmer (RE), P. Roy (RX), R. Byrnes (SH), T. Thornton (WI/Wilton Go Green), A. Regan (All American Waste), P. Oberg (All American Waste), J. Heaton-Jones, HRRRA and J. Baum, HRRRA.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by A. Miles, second by A. Dinho to approve minutes of March 10, 2022, as presented. **Vote:** All in favor.

**Recycling Billboard Contest**

J. Baum shared that the Recycling Billboard Contest awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and will be held virtually via zoom. The Zoom registration information will be sent by email.

**Connecticut Business Recycling Assistance (CET)**

The Center for EcoTechnology (CET) is a resource available for businesses who need support with recycling and/or waste reduction efforts. Businesses located in Connecticut, can contact CET at [reducewastect@cetonline.org](mailto:reducewastect@cetonline.org) or call 888-410-3827.

**Earth Day**

J. Baum stated there are events planned for the Towns of Brookfield, Bridgewater, Newtown, Redding, and Roxbury.

R. Byrnes shared the Town of Sherman will have a community clean-up day on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

J. Barney announced the City of Danbury will have their annual Clean City Danbury Day on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Household Hazardous Waste Events**

J. Baum shared the dates of upcoming household hazardous waste events and requested municipalities to share the information with residents.

**Public Education**

J. Baum announced that the HRRRA has education flyers available for anyone who needs them. RecycleCT offers a free app that can be downloaded to smart phones and a search tool that can be embedded on websites. Please reach out to J. Baum if assistance is needed in finding and downloading the tools.

J. Baum shared that RecycleCT.com provides social media ideas and posts that can be utilized at no charge.

Please share the HRRRA website and social media posts. The individual Municipal drop-off web pages are a great resource for residents.

J. Baum asked for feedback on what municipalities are utilizing for public education.

J. Speck shared the Town of Kent started a section in the community newsletter called "Community Conversations" in which they address topics of waste reduction and recycling.

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

S. Von Holt shared concerns about glass recycling education in the Town of New Milford.

J. Heaton-Jones shared the cylinder EPR Bill was voted on in the House and passed unanimously. The Bill will move on to the Senate.

J. Speck shared a source to recognize students who won locally in the recycling billboard contest. The Town of Kent created stickers based on the students' posters. The website that was utilized is [stickermule.com](http://stickermule.com).

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.