

# Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting Thursday, September 8, 2022, 10:30 a.m. Via Zoom

## **MINUTES**

### **In Attendance**

J. Baum called the meeting to order via zoom at 10:37 a.m. In attendance were P. Drake (BE), A. Dinho (BW), R. Osborne (KE), A. Miles (NE), S. Von Holt (NM), P. Palmer (RE), R. Byrnes (SH), J. Fascitelli (WI), T. Thornton (WI/Wilton Go Green), and J. Baum, HRRA.

# **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by A. Dinho, second by A. Miles to approve minutes of May 12, 2022, as presented.

## **Hazardous Waste Events**

J. Baum shared the dates and location of the three upcoming Hazardous Waste Events.

### **Public Education**

- J. Baum requested members to share recycling education efforts in municipalities.
- A. Miles shared that Newtown plans to attend a health fair on September 24<sup>th</sup> and is working with a local Girl Scout Troop on a recycling education project at the Newtown Transfer Station.
- J. Baum shared public education materials available on the RecycleCT and HRRA websites, including the RecycleCT app and search tool.

# **CET (Center for EcoTechnology)**

CET is under contract with CT DEEP to provide Business Recycling Assistance. CET is available to speak at local Chamber of Commerce meetings about business recycling.

Contact CET: 888-410-3827 or ReduceWasteCT@cetonline.org

#### **Plastic Free Restaurants**

Plastic Free Restaurants (PFR) is a resource for restaurants and schools looking to replace petroleum-based plastic cups, glasses, trays, utensils, etc. with reusable/washables. PFR subsidizes the purchase of new reusables/ washables to replace single use plastics.

In addition, they also make suggestions for supply companies, as many new stainless-steel trays and other materials should be tested to ensure they do not contain lead.

J. Baum shared the contact information for Plastic Free Restaurants.

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

No comment.

### Adjournment

Motion by A. Miles, second by A. Dinho to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.