



**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 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), A. Dinho (BW), J. Kearns (KE), A. Miles (NE), P. Palmer (RE), P. Roy (RX), R. Byrnes (SH), P. Oberg (All American Waste) and J. Baum, HRRA.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by P. Palmer, second by A. Dinho to approve minutes of September 8, 2022, as presented.

Hazardous Waste Events

J. Baum shared the dates and location of the November Hazardous Waste Event.

TREX Recycling Challenge

J. Baum announced the official start date of the TREX Recycling Challenge is America Recycles Day, November 15. Schools should begin opting in now, request their supplies, and start collecting. Schools can sign up on the TREX website. J. Baum will email the information to task force members.

Annual Recycling Billboard Contest

Planning for the 2023 Recycling Billboard contest is underway. J. Baum will be reaching out to confirm coordinators.

Public Education

a. Community events:

The Town of Redding is hosting a Shred and E-waste event on October 15th for Redding residents.

b. Yard Signs:

Yard signs should not go in recycling. The poster portion will go to garbage. The metal portion can go to local transfer station to scrap metal. Or save and re-use the signs!

c. Pumpkin Recycling:

J. Baum encouraged communities to host a pumpkin recycling event to collect and compost pumpkins. Additional options for pumpkin disposal are composting at home or donating to a local farm.

R. Byrnes shared that a resident of Sherman is hosting a Halloween costume recycling event.

d. Holiday Lights:

Holiday lights can be recycled by placing them in the electronic waste container at local transfer stations. Holiday lights do not go in recycling or curbside recycling.

e. Wrapping paper/gift bags

All wrapping paper and gift bags go in garbage.

Items to be raised by members

P. Drake inquired about fire extinguisher disposal. J. Baum shared residents and transfer stations can utilize Fire Control Service Co. in New Milford.

Adjournment

Motion by A. Dinho, second by P. Palmer to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47. am.