



**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 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), B. Nakano (BK), A. Dinho (BW), A. Miles (NE), S. Von Holt (NM), P. Palmer (RE), J. Gracy (RE), J. Patterson (RX), R. Byrnes (SH), J. Fascitelli (WI), B. Popovich (All American Waste), P. Oberg (All American Waste) and J. Baum, HRRA.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by A. Miles, second by P. Palmer to approve minutes of October 13, 2022, as presented.

Hazardous Waste Events

J. Baum shared the date and location of the November Hazardous Waste Event. The November event is the last HHW event of 2022. The next HHW event will be held April 2023.

Plastic Recycling

A discussion ensued regarding the plastic recycling study released by Greenpeace.

TREX Recycling Challenge

J. Baum shared information on the TREX school recycling challenge. The contest officially launches on November 15th, America Recycles Day.

Annual Recycling Billboard Contest

Planning for the 2023 Recycling Billboard contest is underway. J. Baum announced the 2022-2023 contest theme and will reach out to local coordinators.

Food Scraps Recycling in Schools

With students returning to schools full-time and to the school cafeteria, it's a great time to re-introduce organics programs in schools.

Public Education

a. Plastic bags:

Residents are placing plastic bags in recycling (in curbside and at drop-off centers). J. Baum requested communities to please share that plastic bags should not go in recycling bins. Plastic bags can be recycled where plastic film is accepted.

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. Community Events:

- R. Byrnes shared the results of the Halloween costume recycling event that was organized by a local resident and the Sherman Fall Roadside Cleanup.
- J. Patterson announced the town of Roxbury will begin collecting redeemable cans and bottles for donation.

Items to be raised by members

No items raised.

J. Baum announced the next RRTF meeting will be moved to Thursday, December 1st, via Zoom. The RRTF meetings will resume in-person as of January 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 am.