



**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 12, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Brookfield Town Hall**  
**100 Pocono Road, Brookfield, CT 06804**  
**Room 209**

**MINUTES**

**In Attendance**

J. Baum called the meeting to order via zoom at 10:30 a.m. In attendance were P. Drake (BE), B. Nakano (BK), A. Dinho (BW), J. Kearns (KE), A. Miles (NE), S. Von Holt (NM), J. Gracy (RE), T. Carlson (RI), R. Byrnes (SH), J. Fascitelli (WI), T. Thornton (WI), P. Oberg (All American Waste) and J. Baum, HRRRA.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by S. Von Holt, second by A. Miles to approve minutes of December 1, 2022, as presented.

**HRRRA New Recycling Coordinator**

J. Baum introduced the HRRRA new hire, Lily Keefe, Recycling Coordinator and Educator.

**Annual Recycling Billboard Contest**

The contest templates are ready for pickup. The artwork is due to local coordinators by February 24th and local judging should be completed by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The contest theme is "Recycle Outside the Bin." Choose a material that can be recycled but does not go in your mixed recycling bin."

The contest information is posted on the HRRRA website, including a drop-down menu of materials that can be recycled outside the mixed recycling bin.

**Bottle Bill Expansion**

J. Baum shared information from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on the Bottle Bill expansion on the types of beverages that have been added to the bill, effective January 1, 2023. Beverages required to have a deposit refund as of January 1, 2023, include beer, soda, water, sports drinks, energy drinks, juice, hard seltzer, hard cider, tea & coffee, kombucha, plant water (e.g., coconut water), and carbonated spirit-based beverages.

The deposit amount will increase from \$.05 to \$.10 beginning January 01, 2024.

**Goals for 2023**

- T. Carlson shared the Town of Ridgefield will be focusing on increasing participation in the food scraps recycling program and re-introducing organics programs in schools.
- J. Fascitelli shared the Town of Wilton is launching a Food Scraps Recycling program at the transfer station.
- A discussion ensued on the glass recycling program and encouraging residents to recycle glass separately.

### **Earth Day Events**

- J. Gracy shared the Town of Redding is planning their annual litter clean-up day for Earth Day.
- T. Thornton and J. Fascitelli announced that Wilton Go Green and the Town of Wilton are planning a repair day and E-waste event.
- Miles shared the Town of Newtown will be hosting their annual Earth Day fair.
- R. Byrnes stated the Town of Sherman will be hosting a litter clean-up day.

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

No items raised.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by A. Miles, second by S. Von Holt, to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Vote: All in favor.