

Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting Thursday, February 9, 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 10:34 a.m. In attendance were K. Galbis (BE) K. Hebert (BE), K. Troy, S. Conn (BK), A. Dinho (BW), J. Kearns (KE). S. Von Holt (NM), P. Silva (RE), T. Carlson (RI), J. Patterson (RX), S. Stauffacher (RX), R. Byrnes (SH), J. Fascitelli (WI), T. Thornton (WI), P. Oberg (All American Waste), J. Heaton-Jones (HRRA), L. Keefe (HRRA), and J. Baum (HRRA).

Approval of Minutes

Motion by S. Von Holt, second by T. Carlson to approve minutes of January 12, 2023, as presented.

<u>Annual Recycling Billboard Contest - Update</u>

L. Keefe provided an update on the annual recycling billboard contest, including the next steps and important deadlines.

Earth Day Events – What plans do you have?

RRTF Members shared municipal plans and ideas for community Earth Day events.

- The Towns of Bethel, Bridgewater, Ridgefield, Redding, Roxbury, and Wilton will each host a community litter clean-up day.
- T. Thornton shared Wilton Go Green will host a Repair Café on April 22, 2023.

Household Hazardous Waste Events – Information and Schedule

J. Baum shared the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) schedule for April, May, and June. The 2023 schedule of HHW events can be found at www.HRRA.org.

Newsletter/Newspaper Blurbs

- L. Keefe announced the HRRA created an Instagram account.
- L. Keefe shared recycling education content created by HRRA staff that will be available for social media posts and community e-newsletters.

Legislative Session - Updates

J. Heaton-Jones provided an update on the Legislative Session.

Items to be raised by members

- J. Heaton-Jones shared the HRRA is applying for the EPA Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) and the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant programs.
- J. Fascitelli shared the Town of Wilton launched a food scraps recycling program at the Wilton Transfer Station. The program has been well received by Wilton residents.

A discussion ensued regarding plastic film and glass recycling.

The RRTF meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 9th will be in-person for the regional judging of the annual recycling billboard contest.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 pm.