



Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, April 13, 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 at 10:34 a.m. In attendance were K. Hebert (BE), A. Dinho (BW), A. Miles (NE), S. Von Holt (NM), P. Silva (RE), A. Smith (RE), T. Carlson (RI), S. Stauffacher (RX), J. Fascitelli (WI), B. Popovich (All American Waste), H. Schulman (Food Rescue US), A. Sosa (Food Rescue US), S. Smith (Food Rescue US), J. Heaton-Jones (HRRRA), L. Keefe (HRRRA), T. Thornton (HRRRA), and J. Baum (HRRRA).

Approval of Minutes

Motion by A. Dinho, second by S. Von Holt to approve minutes of February 9, 2023, as presented. **Vote:** All in favor.

Food Rescue US - Presentation

H. Schulman, A. Sosa, and S. Smith shared a presentation on Food Rescue US. Food Rescue US offers a web-based app to engage volunteers to transfer fresh food surpluses from local businesses to social service agencies. Volunteers interested in signing up as a rescuer for Food Rescue US may contact them directly at 1-800-280-3298 or visit app.foodrescue.us/signup to create an account. After creating an account, the Food Rescue US volunteer coordinator will follow up via email with additional information including instructions on how to download the app.

Recycling Billboard Contest - Update

L. Keefe provided an update for the 16th Annual Recycling Billboard Contest. The regional winners have been selected. Invitations to the awards ceremony were sent out. The awards ceremony will be held Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

Municipal Recycling Program Updates from recycling Coordinator/Representative

J. Baum announced the HRRRA staff will be requesting each town coordinator and/or representative to provide an individual update for their respective municipality events planned, activities, waste reduction initiatives, and/or recycling programs at each RRTF meeting.

At the June RRTF meeting, the HRRRA staff will introduce the annual recycling goals to be planned for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

Items to be raised by members

J. Heaton-Jones introduced the HRRRA new hire, Tammy Thornton, Recycling Coordinator and Educator.

T. Thornton shared the HRRRA is offering supplies for municipal “rid litter days”. The supplies offered include safety vests, gloves, bags, and maps and towns may request up to 50 of each.

A. Smith shared the Town of Redding will have a “Story Walk” promoting recycling education posted for one month in the Town Center.

Adjournment

Motion by A. Dinho, second by S. Von Holt to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm.