



Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, June 8, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Brookfield Town Hall
100 Pocono Road, Brookfield, CT 06804
Room 133

MINUTES

In Attendance

J. Baum called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. In attendance were A. Dinho (BW), A. Miles (NE), S. Von Holt (NM), D. D'Isidori (NM), P. Silva (RE), T. Carlson (RI), S. Stauffacher (RX), L. Keefe (HRRRA), and J. Baum (HRRRA).

Approval of Minutes

Motion by A. Dinho, second by S. Von Holt to approve minutes of May 11, 2023, as presented. **Vote:** All in favor.

Annual Municipal Recycling Goals for the 2023-24 Fiscal year

- J. Baum reviewed the Municipal Recycling, Waste Reduction and Reuse Self-Evaluation Checklist. The municipal recycling coordinators should utilize the checklist to formulate municipal recycling goals for the 2023-24 fiscal year.
 - J. Baum will email the document to the municipal recycling coordinators.
- A. Miles shared the municipal recycling goals for the Town of Newtown which include:
 - Constructing a solar powered aerated static pile (ASP) compost site.
 - Implementing a unit-based pricing program.
 - Increase presence at the transfer station for recycling education and program awareness.
- T. Carlson outlined municipal recycling goals set for the Town of Ridgefield detailed in the attachment.
- P. Silva reviewed the municipal recycling goals for the Town of Redding, including:
 - Collecting fire extinguishers at the Redding transfer station.
 - Improving signage on the containers at the transfer station.
 - Increase participation and awareness of the food scraps recycling program by creating signage with QR Codes to sign-up.
 - Research a new point of sale system for the transfer station.

Municipal Recycling Program Updates from recycling Coordinator/Representative

- T. Carlson announced that two schools in the Town of Ridgefield implemented Food scraps recycling programs and hauled 600 pounds of food scraps in one week.
- P. Silva stated the Town of Redding held a successful Shred and E-waste event.

Items to be raised by members

T. Carlson requested attendance numbers for the 2023 household hazardous waste event for the Town of Ridgefield.

Adjournment

Motion by A. Miles, second by S. Von Holt to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 am.

Town of Ridgefield
Municipal Recycling Goals for 2023-2024

- Improve # of TS/Recycling Center permits by 10%
 - 2023-23 permits
 - R 3,320
 - NR 360
- Continue signage upgrades
- Outline Calendar of Town Events to participate and table; collaborating with Parks N Rec about making recycling bins available at functions
- Establish “mini-ScoutsCAN model” for local non-profits at 12 Town athletic fields
- 100% increase in the tabling at Recycling Center for public education
- Bring in HRRRA for Trash Talk for 12 events
- Establish communications/campaign calendar promoting a different waste stream each month
 - JAN – Glass
 - FEB – Food scraps
 - MAR – ?
 - APR – HHW
 - MAY – Mattresses
 - JUN – “Got Your Permit?”
 - JUL - ?
 - AUG – Textiles
 - SEP – Plastic Film
 - OCT – ?
 - NOV – Food scraps
 - DEC – E-waste
- Continually refine and grow Ridgefield Food Scraps Recycling program
 - Develop revenue model for excess finished compost
 - Produce training video for Highway employees involved in composting process
 - Target special attention to “troubleshooting”

- STRETCH GOAL – figure out how to purchase a Rotochopper Go Bagger 250 (75K)