



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 10:32 a.m. In attendance were A. Dinho (BW), J. Kearns (KE), S. Von Holt (NM), P. Silva (RE), A. Smith (RE), T. Carlson (RI), S. Stauffacher (RX), R. Byrnes (SH), J. Sardone (Oak Ridge), S. Barry (Oak Ridge), Z. Kmietek (Oak Ridge), T. Thronton (HRRA), and J. Baum (HRRA).

Approval of Minutes

Motion by A. Dinho, second by S. Von Holt to approve minutes of June 8, 2023, as presented. **Vote:** All in favor.

Recycling Billboard Contest – New Exciting Changes

T. Thornton shared an update on the Annual Recycling Billboard Contest and the exciting changes for the 2023-2024 contest:

- The contest will launch at an earlier date with templates being distributed in October.
- The artwork entry deadline for students will be on America Recycles Day, November 15th.
- There will be 4 grand prize winners, one grand prize winner per age group.

Household Hazardous Waste Events

J. Baum announced the dates of the upcoming household hazardous waste collection events, October 14th, and November 4th. These will be the final collection events until April 2024. The schedule and details of the events can be found on the HRRA website at ww.hrra.org.

Annual Municipal Recycling Goals for the 2023-24 Fiscal year

J. Baum presented the annual municipal recycling goals that will be shared with the local recycling coordinator for each HRRA municipality. The coordinator will utilize the document to create the municipal recycling goals for the fiscal year.

Municipal Recycling Program Updates from recycling Coordinator/Representative

T. Carlson provided an update for the Town of Ridgefield:

- The HRRA will present a Trash Talk at the Prospector Theater.
- The schools that launched food scrap recycling programs in spring of 2023, have continued the programs for the 2023-2024 school year.

S. Stauffacher is interested in scheduling a Trash Talk for the Town of Roxbury.

A. Dinho announced the Town of Bridgewater will host a “bulky waste day” in October at the Bridgewater Transfer Station for Bridgewater residents.

J. Sardone shared that Oak Ridge is available to present waste and recycling education presentations at schools and community events. J. Sardone shared the most common causes of recycling contamination, including plastic bags, moisture, and masks, and how to improve the quality of recyclable material.

Items to be raised by members

P. Silva shared the Town of Redding is experiencing an increase in illegal dumping of bulky waste, particularly couches. P. Silva is interested in exploring a “bulky waste day” for the Town of Redding.

Adjournment

Motion by A. Dinho second by P. Silva to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am.