



Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, November 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 at 10:32 a.m. In attendance were K. Hebert (BE), A. Dinho (BW), S. Conn (BK), D. Ongaro (BK), C. Praissman (BK), J. Kearns (KE), S. Von Holt (NM), A. Miles (NE), P. Silva (RE), T. Carlson (RI), J. Patterson (RX), S. Stauffacher (RX), J. Fascitelli (WI), J. Heaton-Jones (HRRA), T. Thronton (HRRA), and J. Baum (HRRA).

Approval of Minutes

Motion by A. Dinho, second by S. Von Holt to approve the minutes of October 12, 2023, as presented.

Vote: All in favor.

Recycling Billboard Contest

T. Thornton shared an update on the 2023-24 Recycling Billboard Contest. Artwork is due to the local coordinator by November 15th.

The regional judging will take place at the RRTF meeting on December 14th.

HRRA Recycling Bins

J. Baum shared the HRRA has recycling bins available to municipalities. The bins are available on a first come, first served basis.

Annual Municipal Recycling Goals for the 2023-24 Fiscal year

J. Baum announced the annual municipal recycling goals were emailed to municipal recycling coordinators. The objective is to use the checklist as a guideline to evaluate current recycling and waste reduction initiatives and formulate municipal goals.

Regional Repair Café

J. Baum shared information on a Repair Café and initiated a conversation on the task force hosting a regional Repair Café. A discussion followed reading suggestions and ideas.

P. Silva will lead the project with support from the Task Force members.

Municipal Recycling Program Updates from recycling Coordinator/Representative

- T. Carlson provided an update for the Town of Ridgefield.
 - HRRA will present a Trash Talk at the Prospector Theater in November.
 - The town initiated a pumpkin collection for the food scraps recycling program.

- J. Patterson stated the Town of Roxbury is working on formulating their recycling goals.
- A. Miles provided an update for the Town of Newtown.
 - The town is continuing to work on the Save As You Throw program and will be posting weekly recycling messages at the transfer station.
- S. Conn shared the Town of Brookfield's focus is to repurpose the equipment, furniture, and supplies from Center School.
- P. Silva shared the Town of Redding received a new cash register for the transfer station that will allow tracking of different materials.
- A. Dinho shared the Town of Bridgewater hosted their Fall Bulky Drop Off day at the town garage and it was very successful.

Items to be raised by members

J. Heaton-Jones shared the CT Recycling Coalition will be hosting a webinar series "Train the Trainer" for recycling coordinators. The webinar will be held in conjunction with material recovery facility operators. Each webinar will focus on a different recyclable material.

Adjournment

Motion by A. Miles second by P. Silva to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 am.