



**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 8, 2024**  
**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), D. Ongaro (BK), C. Praissman (BK), S. Von Holt (NM), D. D'Isidori (NM), P. Silva (RE), T. Carlson (RI), J. Patterson (RX), S. Stauffacher (RX), R. Byrnes (SH), S. Barry (Oak Ridge), Z. Kmietek (Oak Ridge), J. Heaton-Jones (HRRRA), T. Thronton (HRRRA), and J. Baum (HRRRA).

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by A. Dinho, second by S. Von Holt to approve the minutes of January 11, 2024, as presented.

**Vote:** All in favor.

**RRTF Mission and Objectives** – Review draft language

- J. Heaton-Jones reviewed the RRTF history and purpose of the RRTF draft mission, objectives, member expectations and highlighted the changes, including attendance and training requirements.
- J. Baum read the updated draft mission statement, objectives, member expectations.
- J. Heaton-Jones reviewed recycling education opportunities for RRTF members including HRRRA Trash Talks and webinars that will be offered by the CT Recyclers Coalition (CRC).
- A discussion ensued on recycling education.

**Crayon Recycling** – Available programs

J. Baum shared information on three crayon recycling programs and showed members where the information is posted on the HRRRA website under recycling education. The crayon programs focus on collecting used crayons for re-use or redistribution:

- The Crayon Initiative
- Crayon Collection
- The National Crayon Recycling program

**Reusables in School Cafeterias** – Opportunities/Future Meetings

T. Thronton shared information about the Zero Waste Schools Coalition and a webinar the coalition is hosting on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:30 on reusable stainless-steel trays and energy saving dishwashers with potential use for schools.

### **Earth Day** – Monday, April 22, 2024 – HRRRA Support

J. Baum announced the HRRRA will provide gloves, vests, trash bags, and maps for municipalities that are hosting street clean-up events. Please submit requests to the HRRRA by March 31, 2024.

### **Municipal Recycling Program Updates from Recycling Coordinator/Representative**

- S. Von Holt shared that a meeting was held with Mayor Pete to review waste reduction initiatives in New Milford.
- R. Byrnes stated that the Town of Sherman would be interested in collaborating with the Town of New Milford regarding an organics program.
- P. Silva shared the Town of Redding is revising the municipal program of oil collection to prevent contamination.

### **Items to be raised by members**

D. D'Isidori asked how to dispose of a large quantity of pharmaceuticals.

J. Baum shared the pharmaceutical disposal instructions from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

A discussion ensued regarding the challenges of disposing of pharmaceuticals and sharps.

P. Silva inquired about the policy of scavenging electronic waste.

J. Baum shared the policy posted on the HRRRA website; under the CGS 22a-209-7 the Town's Solid Waste disposal area shall comply with the following permit and operating requirements – (i) Waste Collection areas (2) *Scavenging at waste collection areas shall be prohibited.*

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** by S. Von Holt second by A. Dinho to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.