



HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY

MINUTES

Thursday, July 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Members or Alternates Present

Bethel, Dan Carter
Bridgewater, Curtis Read
Brookfield, Steve Dunn
Kent, Marty Lindenmayer
New Fairfield, Pat Del Monaco
New Milford, Suzanne Von Holt
Newtown, Herb Rosenthal
Redding, Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield, Rudy Marconi
Roxbury, Patrick Roy
Sherman, Don Lowe
Wilton, Matthew Knickerbocker

Others Present:

8 Jeff Capeci, First Selectman, Newtown
1 Fred Hurley, Alternate Newtown
7 James Gracy, Alternate Redding
1 Barbara Henry, Alternate Roxbury
5 Ruth Byrnes, Alternate Sherman
11 Jennifer Heaton-Jones, HRRR
10 Jennifer Baum, HRRR
3 Rick Laigle, All American Waste
9 Brian Popovich, All American Waste
1 Kitty Kiefer, Selectman Salisbury
1 Robert Phillip, NHCOG
7 David Barger, First Selectman, Canaan
64 Casey Flanagan, First Selectman, Sharon
Dan Jerram, First Selectman, New Hartford
Rista Malanca, NHCOG
Jean Speck, NHCOG
Paul Harrington, Town Manager, Winsted
Michael Looney, DEEP
Brian Bartram, Salisbury/Sharon TS Op
Curtis Rand, First Selectman, Salisbury
Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman, Cornwall
Todd Arcelaschi, Mayor, Winchester
T. Bartram,
Jane Hall, Cornwall
Denise Rapp, First Selectman, Litchfield
Todd Carusillo, First Selectman, Goshen
J. Cleavland
Ray Drew, Torrington PWD

Members Absent:

Danbury, Weston

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NEWTOWN | REDDING | RIDGEFIELD | ROXBURY | SHERMAN | WESTON | WILTON

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman M. Knickerbocker at 2:03 p.m. with 64 votes present from 12 towns.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment

Chairman and Members' Comment:

The Chairman welcomed guests from NHCOCG and announced the HRRRA members would be going into Executive Session.

R. Malanca and D. Jerram thanked the Chairman and HRRRA members for their time and consideration to consider their request to join the HRRRA.

Administrative Approvals:

- a.) **Minutes: Motion** by D. Lowe second by S. Dunn, to approve the minutes of June 27, 2024, (Attachment A). **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 64 votes in favor.

New Business:

7a.) * Consider request to negotiate with Barkhamsted, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, and Winsted/Winchester to join and merge with the HRRRA. *The authority may enter Executive Session under Subsection (6)(D) of CGS 1-200 and Subsections (b)(7) and (b)(24) of CGS 1-210*

Motion by S. Dunn second by D. Lowe, to enter executive session under Subsection (6)(D) of CGS 1-200 and Subsections (b)(7) and (b)(24) of CGS 1-210 for the purpose of reviewing the proposal of Barkhamsted, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, and Winsted/Winchester to join and merge with the HRRRA, inviting Jennifer Heaton-Jones, HRRRA and Jennifer Baum, HRRRA.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously; with 64 votes in favor. HRRRA members and staff entered Executive Session at 2:11 p.m. The HRRRA members and staff came out of executive session at 3:09 p.m.

The Chairman announced the HRRRA is not currently in a position to consider the request and proposal of the eleven towns joining the HRRRA at this time. There are too many unknown factors for a path forward. The Authority's concerns include the HRRRA's own supply contracts beyond the 2029 contract with Oak Ridge, the condition of the Wheelabrator WTE plant, the status of the Torrington transfer station, and the unknown logistics of where material would go with an expanded geographical footprint. The HRRRA does not want to hold the northwest hill towns from moving forward with finding a solution. The Chairman offered to partner and provide advocacy at the state level to address the state's waste crisis. The Chairman offered comments from guest. J. Speck and D. Jerram expressed their gratitude for the consideration and would like to keep the dialog open.

Adjournment

Motion by R. Marconi, second by S. Dunn, to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 63 votes in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Baum