



## **HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY**

### **MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 27, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

**Via Zoom**

#### **Members or Alternates Present**

Bethel, Dan Carter	8
Brookfield, Steve Dunn	7
Danbury, Roberto Alves	32
Kent, Dolores Schiesel	1
New Fairfield, Pat Del Monaco	5
New Milford, Suzanne Von Holt	11
Newtown, Herb Rosenthal	10
Redding, Julia Pemberton	3
Ridgefield, Rudolph Marconi	9
Roxbury, Patrick Roy	1
Weston, Larry Roberts	4
Wilton, Matthew Knickerbocker	7
	<b>98</b>

#### **Others Present:**

Jeff Capeci, First Selectman, Newtown
F. Hurley, Newtown
J. Decker, Interstate Waste Systems (IWS)
R. Laigle, All American Waste
Jennifer Heaton-Jones, HRRRA
Jennifer Baum, HRRRA

#### **Members Absent:**

Bridgewater, Sherman

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman M. Knickerbocker at 10:32 a.m. with 98 votes present from 12 towns.

#### **Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

#### **Chairman and Members' Comment:**

No Comment

#### **Director's and Tonnage Report:**

J. Heaton-Jones reviewed highlights from the written Director's Report and tonnage reports (Attachment A).

- The director provided an update on the current grants.
- MSW tonnage to date is currently 101% for the FY, and 95% the same month last year.

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- Recycling tonnage to date is 99% for the FY and 99% compared to the same month last year.
- The HRRRA ordered 20 MetroSTOR containers (organics/food scrap collection satellite containers) that will arrive in March. HRRRA staff will assist the municipalities with installing the MetroSTOR containers. A draft agreement was sent to member towns outlining the arrangements. The containers are property of the HRRRA and the town will take responsibility for having the container serviced.

The Chairman inquired about the high quantity of unregistered haulers on the non-compliant hauler report. J. Heaton-Jones expressed the need for municipalities to have concurrent ordinances that outline a strong enforcement mechanism for non-compliant haulers.

### **Administrative Approvals:**

- a.) **Minutes: Motion** by P. Del Monaco second by D. Carter, to approve the minutes of January 23, 2025, (Attachment B). **Vote: The motion passed;** with 88 votes in favor with abstentions from D. Schiesel (KE), R. Marconi (RI)
  
- b.) **Financial Statements:** J. Heaton-Jones reviewed the financial statements through January 31, 2025 (Attachment C). **Motion** by R. Marconi, second by S. Von Holt, to approve the financial statements through January 31, 2025, as presented. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 98 votes in favor.

**Action Item:** R. Marconi requested the Director to look into Positive Pay for the HRRRA.

### **New Business:**

#### **6a.) HRRRA 2025 Legislative Agenda**

J. Heaton-Jones reviewed the legislative agenda (Attachment D) for the following:

- HB 5019 An act establishing extended producer responsibility for consumer batteries.
- HB 5017 An act concerning participation in the tire stewardship program by tire retailers.
- HB 6917 An act concerning the management of solid waste in the state.
- HB 1281 An act concerning a study on the need for extended producer responsibility for solar panels and wind turbine blades.

#### **6b.) Review proposed draft amendments by Oak Ridge to the Regional Solid Waste and Recycling System Agreement to modify flow of material, tip fees and administrative fees.**

**Motion** by M. Knickerbocker, second by P. Del Monaco 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 draft amendments to the Regional Solid Waste and Recycling System agreement, inviting in HRRRA members, HRRRA staff, and John Decker (Oak Ridge Waste). **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 98 votes in favor. **HRRRA members, HRRRA staff, and John Decker (IWS formally known as Oak Ridge) entered Executive Session at 10:54 a.m.** The HRRRA members and staff came out of executive session at 11:19 a.m.

**Motion** by R. Marconi, second by R. Alves, to modify the existing Regional Solid Waste and Recycling System Agreement sections 3.3 and 3.4, subject to final approval of the full authority at a later date.  
**Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 98 votes in favor.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** by R. Marconi, second by S. Dunn, to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 98 votes in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Baum