



Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Brookfield Town Hall
100 Pocono Road, Brookfield, CT 06804
Room 209

MINUTES

In Attendance

J. Baum called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. In attendance were K. Hebert (BE), A. Dinho (BW), D. Ongaro (BK), H. Rushaidat (DA), A. Miles (NE), S. Von Holt (NM), P. Silva (RE), T. Carlson (RI), J. Patterson (RX), S. Stauffacher (RX), J. Fascitelli (WI), T. Thornton (HRRRA), J. Baum (HRRRA)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by A. Miles, second by A. Dinho to approve the minutes of February 13, 2025, as presented.

Vote: All in favor.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Events - Schedule

J. Baum reviewed the 2025 household hazardous waste event schedule and attendance results per municipality. A discussion ensued on ideas to promote hazardous waste drop-off events to encourage residents to dispose of hazardous material properly and safely.

Earth Day – local events and material request deadline

Requests for Earth Day town clean-up materials, including vests, gloves, trash bags, and maps, should be submitted to the HRRRA by March 31, 2025. The materials are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Recycling Education Social Media posts

T. Thornton reviewed the educational social media posts and requested that the municipalities continue to share the posts on their municipal social media pages to help increase awareness on recycling right. The posts can also be used for municipal newsletters and websites.

EPR Updates - cylinders

J. Baum provided an update on the EPR program for cylinders. The program will go into effect on October 1, 2025, and will enable participating transfer stations to accept the 1-pound cylinders.

School Food Scrap Recycling Law

J. Baum shared that during the 2024 legislative session, Public Act 24-25, Sec 6 (a) (5) added K-12 schools to the Commercial Organics Recycling Law (CGS Section 22a-226e). This law requires each

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K-12 public or non-public school building or educational facility to collect Source Separated Organic Material (SSOM), such as food scraps, for composting if the school building generates 26 tons or more per year and is within 20 miles an authorized SSOM composting facility. The law goes into effect on July 1, 2026.

A discussion ensued on the Commercial Organics Recycling Law.

T. Thornton shared that the HRRRA is available to assist with waste audits in the schools and help with implementing food waste diversion programs.

Regional Repair Café - update

J. Baum announced the Regional Repair Café has been scheduled for September 20, 2025, at the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) in Danbury. Volunteers and volunteer “fixers” are needed to help run the event and complete the repairs.

The HRRRA will provide a webpage with a registration form for volunteers.

This is a regional event, offered to all 14 HRRRA municipalities.

Municipal recycling program updates from recycling Coordinator/Representative

- J. Patterson shared that the Town of Roxbury will have a paper shred truck and litter clean-up event on April 26th.
- K. Hebert shared that “Bethel Community Earth Day” will be held on April 26th. The event will feature a litter clean-up event and Earth Day Fair.
- A. Miles shared the Town of Newtown will host an Earth Day Fair on April 26th.
- H. Rushaidat shared the City of Danbury is hosting “Clean City Danbury Day” on May 17th.

Items to be raised by members

- J. Baum shared the following reminders and updates:
 - Food Waste prevention Week is April 7th-April 13th.
 - As of the April 10th meeting, the RRTF meetings will be hybrid (in-person and via Zoom).
 - The waste-to-energy facility tour for municipal recycling coordinators is scheduled for March 31, 2025.
- S. Von Holt shared the Town of New Milford would like to host a Trash Talk and Composting presentation with the HRRRA.

Adjournment

Motion by S. Von Holt second by A. Miles to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.