



## **HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY**

### **MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 24, 2025 10:30 a.m.**

**Newtown Municipal Center, Conference Room**

**3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT 06470**

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

Bethel, Dan Carter  
Brookfield, Steve Dunn  
Danbury, Roberto Alves  
Kent, Marty Lindenmayer  
New Fairfield, Pat Del Monaco  
New Milford, Suzanne Von Holt  
Newtown, Herb Rosenthal  
Redding, Julia Pemberton  
Ridgefield, Rudolph Marconi  
Roxbury, Patrick Roy  
Wilton, Matthew Knickerbocker

#### **Others Present:**

8 Jeff Capeci, First Selectman, Newtown  
7 F. Hurley, Newtown  
32 J. Cammarata  
1 J. Decker, Interstate Waste Systems (IWS)  
5 R. Laigle, All American Waste  
11 Jennifer Heaton-Jones, HRRRA  
10 Jennifer Baum, HRRRA

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#### **Members Absent:**

Bridgewater, Sherman, Weston

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman M. Knickerbocker at 10:44 a.m. with 94 votes present from 11 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).

- MSW tonnage to date is currently 97% for the FY, and 101% the same month last year.
- Recycling tonnage to date is 89% for the FY and 88% compared to the same month last year.

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

- The Director pointed out there are many residents who come to the HHW events with material ill-prepared that could have serious safety issues for themselves or staff. The Director asked for support from the CEO's to help better communicate to the public on how to prepare for the events. She will work with member towns to enhance public education and outreach.
- The HRRR hauler enforcement policy and Member policy is still in the works. The Director and Legal Counsel will be provided an updated draft in the coming week
- The director provided an update on the CT DEEP Material Management Infrastructure Grant (MMI) grant awarded to the HRRR and the Sustainable Materials Management Round 2 (SMMR2) Grant Program due on June 27, 2025. HRRR staff will assist member towns in applying for the funding.
- The HRRR ordered 20 MetroSTOR containers (organics/food scrap collection satellite containers) that are due to arrive this week. HRRR staff will assist the municipalities with installing the MetroSTOR containers. A draft agreement was sent to member towns outlining the arrangements. The containers are the property of the HRRR, and the town will take responsibility for having the container serviced. Towns are only responsible for having the container serviced.
- ScanScraps, a food scraps recycling program, is in the testing phase in the Town of Ridgefield. This program is designed to capture carbon data and residents receive incentives from ScanScraps for participating.

#### **Administrative Approvals:**

- a.) **Minutes: Motion** by P. Roy, second by D. Carter, to approve the minutes of February 27, 2025, (Attachment B). **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 94 votes in favor.
- b.) **Financial Statements:** J. Heaton-Jones reviewed the financial statements through March 31, 2025 (Attachment C). **Motion** by H. Rosenthal, second by P. Roy, to approve the financial statements through March 31, 2025, as presented. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 94 votes in favor.

#### **New Business:**

##### **6a.) HRRR 2025 Legislative Agenda (Attachment D)**

J. Heaton-Jones reviewed the legislative agenda (Attachment D) and highlighted 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.

A discussion ensued on the legislative agenda.

##### **6b.) Nomination Committee – Appointed by the Chairman**

The Chairman appointed Rudy Marconi, Steve Dunn, and Suzanne Von Holt to the 2025-2026 nomination committee.

**6c.) Resolution – To accept CT DEEP MMI Grant (Attachment E)**

J. Heaton-Jones announced the HRRRA, on behalf of several member towns, received \$779,750 from CT DEEP's Material Management Infrastructure (MMI) Grant. The Director reviewed in detail what the funding will support including:

- **Town of Kent** – In-vessel **Composting System, Trommel, Skid Steer.**
- **Town of Ridgefield** – **Transfer Station repairs** for C&D collection area and Recycling Center to support "Reuse/Swap".
- **Town of Wilton** – **Transfer Station Scale** to implement Unit Base Pricing.
- **Town of Newtown / Region** – Designated **Glass Containers** to increase collection to reduce contamination in single stream and lower cost at local transfer stations.
- **Region** – **Compost bagging system** to be shared among members who have composting system to give compost to residents.
- **Region** – Plastic Film **Baler** to increase collection and reduce contamination in the single stream and lower the tip fee.
- **Region** – **Truck with Lift Gate** to collect organics and other material such as film to reduce transportation costs for member towns.

**Motion** by R. Marconi, second by P. Roy, to accept the CT DEEP Materials Management Infrastructure (MMI) Resolution (Attachment E) in the amount of \$779,750. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 94 votes in favor.

**6d.) 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. *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 (CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT F)***

**Motion** by M. Knickerbocker, second by J. Pemberton 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 by Oak Ridge to the Regional Solid Waste and Recycling System agreement to modify flow of material, tip fees, and administrative fees, inviting in HRRRA members and HRRRA staff. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 94 votes in favor. HRRRA members and HRRRA staff entered Executive Session at 11:09 a.m. The HRRRA members and staff came out of executive session at 11:38 a.m.

**Motion** by R. Marconi, second by D. Carter, to increase the HRRRA MSW Program fee under section 1.14 of the Regional Solid Waste and Recycling System Agreement from \$2.00 per ton to \$2.75 per ton. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 94 votes in favor.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** by R. Marconi, second by J. Pemberton, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 94 votes in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Baum