



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

Brookfield Town Hall
100 Pocono Road, Brookfield, CT 06804
Room 209
And Via Zoom

MINUTES

In Attendance

J. Baum called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. In attendance were K. Galbis (BE), A. Dinho (BW), D. Ongaro (BK), R. Osborne (KE), A. Miles (NE), S. Von Holt (NM), P. Silva (RE), T. Carlson (RI), J. Patterson (RX), S. Stauffacher (RX), J. Heaton-Jones (HRRRA), T. Thornton (HRRRA), J. Baum (HRRRA)

Approval of Minutes

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

Vote: All in favor.

Waste-to-Energy Facility Tour - Discussion

J. Baum asked for feedback regarding the Waste-to-Energy facility tour. A discussion ensued on the Waste-to-Energy facility. RRTF members shared the tour was educational and helpful to see how the trash is processed, which helped to develop an understanding of why certain items cannot go into trash.

Questions arose about the procedure to process invasive species plants.

Action Item: J. Baum will contact Win-Waste Innovations to inquire about the procedure to dispose of invasive species plants.

School Food Scrap Recycling Law

- T. Thornton shared updates on the Commercial Organics Recycling Law (CGS Section 22a-226e) requiring each 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.
- T. Thornton shared that CT DEEP has identified Candlewood Lake Elementary School (CLES) in Brookfield and Danbury High School in Danbury as meeting the criteria. CT DEEP notified the Brookfield and Danbury Board of Education. The law goes into effect on July 1, 2026.
- CT DEEP will be hosting a school recycling webinar on May 5th at 3:30 via Zoom.
- **Action Item:** J. Baum will email the registration link for the CT DEEP School Recycling Webinar to the recycling coordinators.

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Regional Repair Café – Opportunities to Volunteer

J. Baum announced the Regional Repair Café webpage is available on the HRRRA website and encouraged the Recycling Coordinators to share the website with their communities. The webpage includes all event information and a registration link for volunteers.

Action Item: J. Baum will email the Regional Repair Café link to the Recycling Coordinators.

Annual Municipal Recycling Goals

J. Baum followed up with municipal Recycling Coordinators on the annual municipal goals and status.

Municipal recycling program updates from recycling Coordinator/Representative

- J. Patterson shared that the Town of Roxbury will have a paper shred truck and litter cleanup event on April 26th.
- A. Miles shared the Town of Newtown will host an Earth Day Fair on April 26th.

Items to be raised by members

- J. Patterson shared the Town of Roxbury is collaborating with the Town of Washington to accept mattresses from Roxbury residents and requested HRRRA staff to update the Roxbury drop-off page on the HRRRA website.
- J. Baum announced the RRTF meeting dates will be revised to hold meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every other month.
- J. Baum shared the Recycling Coordinator contact information will be added to the HRRRA website on the town drop-off pages.

Adjournment

Motion by A. Miles second by S. Von Holt to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.