



Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2026
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), K. Coladarci (Sustainable BE), A. Dinho (BW), D. Ongaro (BK), H. Rushaidat (DA), E. Falk (DA-Sustainable CT), J. Kearns (KE), K. Eaton (NF), S. Von Holt (NM), H. Satmary (NE), 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 P. Silva, second by H. Rushaidat to approve the minutes of December 11, 2025, as presented.

Annual Recycling Billboard Contest

- T. Thornton provided an update on the recycling billboard contest:
 - The regional voting was held on January 8, 2026.
 - The award ceremony invitations were mailed to the regional winners.
 - The awards ceremony will be held on April 22, 2026.
 - T. Thornton emphasized that all winners, and the place they won, are confidential and will be announced at the awards ceremony.
 - Task Force members are invited to the awards ceremony. J. Baum will send an email with the details.

Repair Café

- J. Baum reported that the Regional Repair Café is confirmed for March 21, 2026, in New Milford at the John Pettibone Community Center, and requested assistance from task force members in promoting the event.
- Event details are posted on the HRRRA website, including the registration link. The promotional flyer and social media image will be distributed by email.

Earth Day – April 22, 2026

J. Baum announced the HRRRA will provide gloves, vests, trash bags, and maps for municipalities that are hosting street clean-up events. Please submit requests to the HRRRA by March 31, 2026.

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Hazardous Waste Events – Spring schedule

- J. Baum shared the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event schedule posted on the HRRRA website and requested task force members to advertise the events.
- The dates and locations for the spring HHW events are:
 - April 11th – Danbury – Public Works Facility
 - May 9th – Newtown - Public Works Facility
 - June 6th – Bethel – Bethel High School

CT Compost Conference

The CT Compost Alliance (CCA) will host the CT Compost Conference on March 19, 2026, at Wesleyan University. Registration for the conference is now open. Participants can sign up by visiting: <https://www.ctcompostalliance.org/ctcompostconference>

Annual Municipal Recycling Goals

- P. Silva reported that recycling goals for the Town of Redding remain on target.
- J. Patterson noted that the Town of Roxbury is progressing as planned toward its annual recycling goals.
- S. Von Holt shared that the Town of New Milford is actively working toward its goals and remains in progress for the year.

Municipal recycling program updates from Recycling Coordinator/Representative

- P. Silva shared the Town of Redding is hosting two shred events in 2026.
- K. Coladarci announced there are shred days scheduled in the Town of Bethel and will follow up via email to provide the event details.
- H. Rushaidat stated the City of Danbury will host “Clean City Danbury” in May and has received positive feedback from residents regarding the Organics (food scraps) Smart Bins.

Items to be raised by members

- J. Baum shared upcoming RRTF educational tours and presentations scheduled for the spring:
 - Mattress Recycling Tour in March.
 - Presentation on textile recycling from Bay State textiles in April.

Adjournment

Motion by A. Dinho second by P. Silva to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.