



Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 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 10:02 a.m. In attendance were K. Galbis (BE), A. Dinho (BW), D. Ongaro (BK), H. Rushaidat (DA), E. Falk (DA-Sustainable CT), K. Eaton (NF), S. Von Holt (NM), H. Satmary (NE), P. Silva (RE), T. Carlson (RI), S. Stauffacher (RX), J. Fascitelli (WI), C. Cea-Curry (Bay State Textiles), J. Heaton-Jones (HRRRA), T. Thornton (HRRRA), J. Baum (HRRRA)

Approval of Minutes

Motion by A. Dinho, second by H. Rushaidat to approve the minutes of February 5, 2026, as presented. **Vote:** All in favor.

Bay State Textiles

C. Cea-Curry, CT Recycling Development Coordinator with Bay State Textiles, shared a presentation on textile recycling and reviewed how the textiles are collected and managed. Bay State Textiles is available for one-day collection events; requests for these events should be submitted at least 1 month in advance.

Earth Day – Events and materials

The task force members shared upcoming municipal Earth Day events under agenda item “Municipal Recycling Program updates from Recycling Coordinator/Representative”.

J. Baum requested that any towns and/or groups who are using materials donated by the HRRRA for litter clean-up events:

- Include the HRRRA name and/or logo on event promotional materials to increase awareness of HRRRA as a resource for recycling and waste reduction education.
- Return the vests and unused gloves and bags to the HRRRA following the event or retain them for use in next year’s event.
- Encourage participants of litter clean-up events to complete the HRRRA litter clean-up survey to share information regarding materials collected during the events.

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Annual Recycling Billboard Contest

T. Thornton shared an update on the recycling billboard contest:

- The awards ceremony will be held on April 22nd at the Newtown Community Center.
- The artwork of the four grand prize winners will be posted on HARTransit buses on May 4th.

Repair Café

J. Baum shared that the HRRRA facilitated a Repair Café on March 21st at the John Pettibone Community Center. The event attracted 25 attendees from Brookfield, Danbury, New Milford, Ridgefield, Roxbury, Sherman, and Wilton and featured six fixers. Items that were repaired include a wheelchair, clocks, lamps, bracelets, a toy plane, and vacuum cleaners.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Events – spring schedule

J. Baum reviewed the HHW spring schedule and encouraged members to help promote the events in their communities.

- April 11th – 9:00am-2:00pm at Danbury Public Works
- May 9th – 9:00am-2:00pm at Newtown Public Works
- June 6th – 9:00am-1:00pm at Bethel High School

Municipal recycling program updates from Recycling Coordinator/Representative

The Task Force members announced their municipalities' upcoming Earth Day events:

- H. Rushaidat shared the City of Danbury is hosting "Clean City Danbury" on April 25th.
- S. Stauffacher announced the Town of Roxbury is facilitating a town-wide litter clean-up day on April 25th.
- P. Silva shared the Town of Redding is hosting "Mount Trashmore," a litter-clean-up event on April 18th.
- S. Von Holt shared the Bee City Committee is facilitating an Earth Day event on April 22nd at the John Pettibone Community Center.
- H. Satmary confirmed the Newtown Earth Day festival is April 25th.
- J. Fascitelli announced the Town of Wilton Conservation Commission is hosting a town wide clean-up on April 25th.

Items to be raised by members

- A. Dinho inquired as to when the tire EPR program would begin.
- J. Heaton-Jones shared the tire EPR program launched on March 21st and noted that any questions regarding the program can be directed to her via email.

Adjournment

Motion by A. Dinho second by P. Silva to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.