



HOUSATONIC RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY

MINUTES

Thursday, June 25, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Newtown Municipal Center, Conference Room

3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT 06470

Members or Alternates Present

Bethel, Dan Carter	8
Bridgewater, Eric Gsell	1
Brookfield, Steve Dunn	7
Kent, Eric Epstein	1
New Fairfield, Pat Del Monaco	5
New Milford, Suzanne Von Holt	11
Newtown, Herb Rosenthal	10
Ridgefield, Rudy Marconi	9
Roxbury, Patrick Roy	1
Sherman, Don Lowe	1
Wilton, Ross Tartell	<u>7</u>
	61

Others Present:

8	Bruce Walczak, First Selectman, Newtown
1	Fred Hurley, Newtown
7	Waste Zero
1	C. Stanley, IWS
5	Jennifer Heaton-Jones, HRRRA
11	Jennifer Baum, HRRRA

Members Absent:

Danbury, Redding, Weston

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman P. Del Monaco at 10:40 a.m. with 61 votes present from 11 towns.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment.

Chairman and Members' Comment:

The Chairman expressed appreciation to HRRRA staff for their efforts in organizing and facilitating a successful Household Hazardous Waste event in Bethel on June 6, 2026.

The Chairman highlighted the importance of Agenda Item 6d, "Discuss and consider solutions regarding the collection of Motor Oil and Antifreeze" (Attachment F), noting its significance for the authority and member municipalities.

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

Director's and Tonnage Report:

J. Heaton-Jones reviewed highlights from the written Director's Report and tonnage reports (Attachment A).

- The Director requested an update on the status of the municipal ordinance revisions related to the One Town, One Vote and the Solid Waste and Recycling language that includes an updated provision for Hauler Enforcement. The following ordinance updates were reported:
 - Ordinances updated for one town, one vote: Bridgewater, Brookfield, and Roxbury.
 - Ordinance revisions in progress: New Fairfield, Newtown.
 - Pending Board of Selectmen (BOS) Meeting: Bethel, Kent, Ridgefield (July 15), and Sherman (July).
 - Status Unknown: New Milford and Wilton.
 - Representatives from Danbury, Redding, Weston were not present.
- J. Heaton-Jones continues to provide strategic guidance and technical assistance to the newly formed Northwest Resource Recovery Authority (NRRA).
- MSW tonnage to date is currently 102% for the FY, and 91% the same month last year.
- Recycling tonnage to date is 114% for the FY and 97% compared to the same month last year.
- Chief Elected Officials were encouraged to review the public education information included in Attachment A3 and support the recycling education school programs.
- The director highlighted the non-complaint hauler report on Attachment A9.

Administrative Approvals:

a.) Minutes: Motion by D. Carter, second by P. Roy, to approve the minutes of April 23, 2026, (Attachment B). **Vote: The motion passed;** with 53 votes in favor with abstention from E. Epstein (KE) and R. Tartell (WI).

b.) Financial Statements: J. Heaton-Jones reviewed the financial statements through May 31, 2026 (Attachment C). **Motion** by D. Carter, second by H. Rosenthal, to approve the financial statements through May 31, 2026, as presented. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 61 votes in favor.

R. Marconi suggested developing a report that compares population growth within the HRRRA region to the amount of municipal solid waste and recyclable material generated over time to help identify trends.

New Business:

6a.) Waste Zero – Waste Reduction Award Presentation to Newtown and Kent

Representatives from Waste Zero presented Waste Reduction Awards to the Towns of Kent and Newtown in recognition of their achievements in reducing municipal solid waste (MSW), increasing recyclable materials collected, and expanding the collection of source-separated food waste.

6b.) Nomination Committee – (Attachment D)

S. Von Holt read the 2026 nominating committee report nominating the following members as officers for the 2026-27 FY:

- Patricia Del Monaco, Chairman
- Dan Carter, Vice Chairman
- Herb Rosenthal, Secretary
- Julia Pemberton, Treasurer
- Rudy Marconi, Assistant Treasurer

Motion by D. Carter, second by P. Roy, to endorse the slate of officers for the 2026-2027 FY (Attachment D). **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 61 votes in favor, from 11 towns.

6c.) Consider and approve the HRRR budget for the FY ending June 30, 2027, as recommended by the Executive Committee (Attachment E)

Motion by D. Lowe, second by H. Rosenthal to approve the HRRR 2026-27 fiscal year budget as presented with total revenue projected at \$2,476,527 and expenditures totaling \$2,476,527. The total operating revenue is projected at \$934,000 and operating expenditure totaling \$934,000, with \$1,583,027 revenue and expenditures designated for Sustainable Material Management Round 2 CT DEEP Grant projects The budget includes a 3.5% pay increase to all HRRR staff. (Attachment E).

Vote: The motion passed unanimously; with 61 votes in favor, from 11 towns.

J. Heaton-Jones reported that the FY 2025-26 budget is on track with no concerns or transfer requests. There are no significant changes for the 2026-27 FY budget.

6d.) Discuss and consider solutions regarding the collection of Motor Oil and Antifreeze (Attachment F)

A discussion was held regarding the collection of motor oil and antifreeze within the HRRR region. The Director noted that State law requires each town to collect waste oil, including used motor oil, for reuse or recycling, in accordance with CGS 22a-220a and Conn. Agency Regs. 22a-241b-2.

No action was taken on the matter. The Chairman suggested that municipalities consider reestablishing collection programs at their municipal transfer stations using the Towns of Bethel and Newtown as examples of successful programs that address the concerns of contamination and related disposal cost.

Adjournment

Motion by D. Carter, second P. Roy, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. **Vote: The motion passed unanimously;** with 61 votes in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Baum