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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, May 1, 2008, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

The May meeting of the RRTF was called to order at 10:40 a.m. with the following members in attendance: W. Lionetti, R. Byrnes, T. Cutsumpas, S. Von Holt, A. Oddo, D. Leslie, T. McSherry, A. Miles, L. Delp M. Pascento and C. Reedy.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by W. Lionetti, second by R. Byrnes, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2008 RRTF meeting as presented. **Vote:** All in favor.

Nike Reuse-a-Shoe

Sherman, Middle Gate School in Newtown and Bethel are all participating in the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe sneaker recycling collection this year for the first time. To date the Sherman School has collected 675 sneakers. A. Oddo has arranged for a container to collect sneakers at the Beautify Bethel day in late May. The other two towns were invited to bring their collected sneakers to Bethel during that event so that all the sneakers collected from the region could be transported to the central collection point in the State. WeRecycle! agreed to pick up the sneakers and provide the transport for a small fee that none of the communities has in their budgets. C. Reedy said that HRRRA would be willing to pay an amount not to exceed \$250 for the transport fee.

E-waste Recycling

C. Reedy reported that the state legislature changed the implementation date of the new e-waste recycling law from January 1st to July 1, 2009. Under the new law each municipality will be required to provide free, convenient and accessible recycling to residents for computers, printers, monitors and televisions. The cost of transport from the towns and recycling will be borne by the manufacturers of the e-waste products. Municipalities will have to choose an e-waste recycler from a list certified by the DEP to pick up and transport items collected. While their will likely be a collection point in each community at the local transfer station/drop off center, HRRRA member municipalities are investigating whether using one certified recycler for all the towns in the region might provide more services to residents, i.e. no charge recycling for other e-waste not covered by the law such as VCRs, digital cameras, fax machines, cell phones, etc.

S. Von Holt provided information to the group on a company that recycles cell phones for use by individuals who may need a cell phone for emergencies only. The recycled cell phones are programmed to connect only with 911. The company is DRMS Communications and the program is called 911 Cell Phone Bank. Contact person is Sara Crampton at 866-290-7864 x1309. Additional information is available on the website at www.911cellphonebank.com.

CPTV Video

The group watched, *The Warming of Connecticut*, a CPTV documentary by Jennifer Boyd that shows the specific effects on the quality of life in Connecticut under various global warming scenarios. The documentary is being aired on the local educational access channel in New Fairfield. T. Cutsumpas asked to use the DVD after that for airing on the local access channel in Danbury.

Issues Raised by Members

A. Oddo passed out flyers for Beautify Bethel Day and invited members of the RRTF to attend.

Without dissent the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.