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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, May13, 2010, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Room 103**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. Those present included L. Kulowiec (RE), S. Von Holt and J. Calhoun (NM), G. Bishop (RI), A. Miles (NE), and C. Reedy (HRRRA). Also attending were Kaityln Gerber (an intern working with RACE in Ridgefield), Annmarie Mitchell (HEAT), Dave Dunleavy (RTI) and Chris Coady (Hudson Baylor). C. Reedy welcomed John Calhoun, the facilities manager at the New Milford Public Schools as a new member of the Task Force replacing Tom McSherry.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by S. Von Holt, second by L. Kulowiec, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2010 as presented. **Vote:** All voting in favor.

2010 Earth Day Poster Contest Evaluation

The billboard with the regional grand prize winner's poster is up on South Street between Bethel and Danbury. The billboard rental company, Lamar, provided another unused board for the month at no charge and the winning poster is up there on West St. in Danbury where the railroad goes over the road. Union Savings Bank has committed to sponsorship of the contest again in 2011, and has offered space in the bank's new facility on North Street in Danbury for next year's award ceremony. The award ceremony at Danbury City Hall was well attended. Only 4 out of 39 regional winners were unable to attend. S. Von Holt reported that one of the New Milford winners did not receive her invitation to the award ceremony in the mail. The total cost of the 2010 contest was to be \$5920. But, the NewsTimes made a color error in printing the wrapper with all the first place winners' posters on the Sunday after the award ceremony, so the paper provided a full color page of the posters in the paper the following week. HRRRA did not have to pay for either the wrapper or the full page, cutting the total cost of the 2010 poster contest to \$4508. With the \$3500 donation from Union Savings, the total cost to HRRRA for 2010 was \$1008.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Municipalities and school systems from towns participating in the May 22nd HHW collection in Newtown, i.e. Bethel, Danbury, New Fairfield, Newtown, Redding and Sherman, may bring hazardous waste from municipal facilities to the collection as long as they notify C. Reedy in advance of the items and quantities they will bring and as long as they are at the site by 8:15 a.m. Municipalities and school systems will be unloaded before the collection opens to the general public.

Municipal/School Contract Defaults with All American Waste

At the last HRRRA meeting the Authority voted to send letters of default to towns and school districts who have violated the Recycling Services Agreement with HRRRA by allowing program recyclables generated at municipally owned or controlled facilities to be delivered to a facility other than RTI for processing. Those towns and schools systems include at least the Town of Bethel, Town of New Milford, Brookfield Public Schools, New Milford Public Schools, New Fairfield Public Schools and Town of Kent. Those in default will be required to immediately come into compliance with their agreement with HRRRA and to compensate HRRRA and RTI for revenue lost as a result of their defaults. The years in question include FY 08, 09 and 10. All the municipalities in default are using All American Waste to collect program recyclables and All American Waste takes recyclables to its own facility out of the region, not to RTI. All American Waste is well aware of the municipalities' contractual requirements to HRRRA. C. Reedy suggests that municipalities and school districts ask All American Waste to cover the cost of the defaults.

Shoe Recycling

D. Dunleavy reminded the group that the Danbury Mom & Pop is serving as the regional collection point for the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program this year. They have an 8 yard container that is about one-third full and have painted a big red Nike Swoosh on the side of it. The closing date for this year's collection is May 15th. WeRecycle! will be making one pickup in the region at the Danbury Mom & Pop.

C. Reedy provided a link to another shoe recycling program that operates year round called Soles4Souls at <http://www.soles4souls.org/>. The program cleans "gently worn" footwear and then distributes the shoes to people in need around the world who have no shoes.

Yale Salvage Donation Days

C. Reedy provided information on new and used recycling bins and other reusable goods available to municipalities and non-profits at no cost on May 19 and June 1st at Yale. This includes items that the university no longer uses as well as items donated by students leaving campus for the summer. Items are available on a first come first served basis.

Paint Product Stewardship Legislation

C. Reedy gave a quick report on how the paint product stewardship legislation got caught in the last minute crush of business and did not get taken up by the Senate before the session ended although it passed the House unanimously on Earth Day.

Items Raised by Municipalities

- L. Kulowiec noted that Redding's Shred Day will be held on May 15 from 9 a.m. to Noon and members of the Task Force are welcome to come watch the process.
- Responding to a question from another member, L. Kulowiec reminded everyone that the RBRC, the national battery recycling non-profit (a product stewardship organization), will provide containers to municipalities to collect and ship A, C, D cell batteries, all at no charge. Information and directions are available on the website at <http://www.call2recycle.org/>.
- There was general discussion about how the e-waste recycling program was going for municipalities that had already signed the WeRecycle! agreement. Dave Smith is no longer with WeRecycle!. The contact person now is Gina Chiarella.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.