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**Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, August 7, 2008, 10:30 a.m.
Brookfield Town Hall
Second Floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

The August meeting of the RRTF was called to order at 10:40 a.m. with the following members in attendance: R. Byrnes, S. Von Holt, T. McSherry, T. Yonsky, Ellen Rossini (Ridgefield) and C. Reedy.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by R. Byrnes, second by T. McSherry, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2008 RRTF meeting as presented. **Vote:** All in favor.

Announcements

C. Reedy announced the unexpected passing of a Task Force member, P. J. Zguzenski, Brookfield High School science teacher, this past weekend. Lisa Delp representing the Town of Brookfield has resigned from the Task Force and the Brookfield Selectmen have been asked to appoint another representative.

Update on Regional Recycling System Planning

The new recycling system planning workshop with municipal chief elected officials took place on May 22nd. However, the planning process discussed at that workshop has been put on hold until it becomes clearer who will purchase RTI and the White Street transfer station when auctioned by the federal government. Siting a new materials recovery facility (MRF) in the region is a major impediment to planning a new regional recycling system, so knowing what will happen with the current site is crucial to the planning process. Additional information should be available on the seized assets auction by mid September.

07-08 Tonnage Reports

Not yet available.

Activities for 2009

RRTF members agreed that they would like the recycling poster contest to continue in 2009. Members felt it should take less time now that there's been one year's experience. Kids in many of the region's schools are looking forward to participating again in 2009.

NE Utilities Community Grant

Northeast Utilities provides grants up to \$1,000 to start or maintain a recycling program to community-based groups. The application process is simple and can be done online. There are two grant cycles every year, with applications due by April 15 and October 15.

Issues Raised by Members

- R. Byrnes reported on the Sherman Green Community project and a recycling webpage for Sherman.
- E. Rossini noted that Hudson Baylor has provided recycling bins for school athletic fields.
- S. Von Holt said that the head of the custodial services for New Milford Schools is working on improved recycling and the next step is to get recycling bins for the schools' athletic fields. She also reported that recycling bins were available for the first time this year at the Town's Village Fair Days.
- T. Yonsky reported that Bethel schools went out to bid for a five year MSW and recycling collection contract, got five bidders (more than in the past) with bids ranging from \$38,000 to \$120,000 per year and saved \$16,000 in the first year over the prior year's cost.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Without dissent the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.