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Regional Recycling Task Force Meeting
Thursday, September 6, 2007
10:30 a.m., The Sherman School

Minutes

The Regional Recycling Task Force (RRTF) convened on Thursday, September 6, 2007, 10:30 a.m. at The Sherman School for a school recycling workshop conducted by Athena Bradley from the Northeast Recycling Council (NERC). Task Force members and others in attendance included:

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| Athena Bradley | Project Manager - NERC |
| Patricia Murphy | Mayor - New Milford |
| Jerry Murphy | First Selectman - Brookfield |
| Andrea O'Connor | First Selectman - Sherman |
| Art VonPlachecki | HRRRA Alternate - Sherman |
| Suzanne Von Holt | Regional Recycling Task Force & HRRRA Alternate - New Milford |
| Mike Gill | Chairman - HRRRA |
| Mary Ann Carson | State Representative - 108th District |
| Cheryl Reedy | Director - HRRRA |
| Pam Brown | Regional Recycling Task Force - Brookfield |
| Dorina Leslie | School Volunteer - Brookfield |
| Amy Oddo | Bethel Volunteer |
| Wendy Lionetti | Regional Recycling Task Force - Ridgefield |
| Tom McSherry | Regional Recycling Task Force - New Milford BOE |
| Phil Ross | Regional Recycling Task Force - New Fairfield BOE |
| Arlene Miles | Regional Recycling Task Force - Newtown |
| Myron Hirschman | Operations Manager - New Milford Farms |
| Dave Dunleavy | General Manager - Automated Waste Disposal |
| Joe Keneally | Conservation Commission Chair - Sherman |
| Roseanne Galante | RTI Manager |
| Veronica Scheer | Press - Citizen News |
| K.C. Alexander | DEP - Source Reduction and Recycling |
| Carey Hurlburt | DEP - Source Reduction and Recycling |
| Millie Loeb | Sherman Library Director |
| Mike Pascento | Vice Principal Sherman School |
| Linda Yannone | Conservation Commission - Sherman |
| Mary Boylan | Principal Sherman School |
| Dave Seegers | Hudson Valley Preservation - Sherman BOE |

Brian Bartram
Nick Just
Ruth Byrnes

Transfer Station Operator - Salisbury/Sharon
Customer Service Manager - Lostocco Refuse Service
Regional Recycling Task Force – Sherman

The following synopsis of the workshop was prepared by Athena Bradley:

On September 6 in the Town of Sherman, Connecticut, NERC staff held its first workshop for the USDA Town and Business Project. It was attended by 35 people from around the region, including town representatives from the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA) Regional Recycling Task Force, the HRRRA Chairman, Selectmen from several towns (including Sherman and Brookfield), the Mayor of New Milford, State Representative Mary Ann Carson, and several school board and conservation commission members, transfer station attendants, trash haulers and public works department employees.

Workshop attendees first stopped at the Sherman School to speak with third graders about their goals for expanding the school's recycling program. The school is in the process of adding beverage container recycling bins in the cafeteria and outdoor playing fields. It was an opportunity for students, workshop attendees, and NERC staff to discuss options for implementing and expanding reuse and recycling in schools.

The remainder of the workshop was held in the Sherman Town Hall. NERC staff presented information about conducting a waste assessment and recycling program design. Cheryl Reedy, Director of HRRRA, was on hand to answer specific questions about recycling and collection options in the region. Myron Hirschman presented a short overview of the New Milford Farms compost operation. And Dave Seegers, with Hudson Valley Preservation, featured his newly designed outdoor beverage container bins, which will be used at the school. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection staff was also available to answer questions.

All workshop attendees received a free toolkit, containing a recycling and waste prevention guide, state and local resources, web resource listings, and more. The toolkit will be available for download on the [NERC](#) Web site in October. Many thanks to Ruth Byrnes, with the Town of Sherman for her assistance with outreach and promotion for the workshop.

After a very nice lunch provided by the Town of Sherman and Ruth Byrnes, the workshop ended at 12:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Regional Recycling Task Force will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2007, 10:30 a.m. at the Brookfield Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room.