League of Women Voters Mid Hudson Region Materials Management Committee Minutes of Meeting December 8, 2015

Call to Order: 5:36 p.m.

Present: Kathy OConnor (Chair), Jolanda Jansen (President), Soyal Smalls (Secretary), Kathie Beinkafner, Susan Holland, Cindy Lanzetta, Margot Becker

Absent: Sarah Womer, Dare Thompson, Kristen Faughnan

MINUTES Motion made to approve the minutes of the 11-10-15 meeting (Jolanda, Kathie B). All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>UCSWM IC</u> Progress is moving along on the report that the Commission wishes to give the County Legislature. Various Commission members elected to hone in on various facilities or aspects of materials management. Kathie B agreed to focus on Taylor Recycling in Orange County and Recycling Solutions Technology in Kentucky.

Kathie B, Kathy O and Margot expressed interest in making a visit to the Delaware Co facility (Kathie B has been there before, but would like to go again.)

<u>UCRRA</u> Kathy O attended their meeting on November 24th. Recycling Coordinator Merlyn Akhtar was not there (sick), but sent in a report. Among numerous other activities, Ms. Akhtar visited the Delaware Co facility along with some members of the DEC. She is also looking to reach out on social media and Radio Woodstock to promote their activities. KO will ask Ms. Akhtar to mention our Materials Mgmt Comm meetings on air. Cindy L. suggested that we create a Facebook page to publicize our events.

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DEC 8 FORUM ONLINE

Marjaneh Zarrehparvar, Executive Director of PaintCare Inc, was the presenter for the paint recycling portion of the morning session. She emphasized the 5 steps pertaining to our usual 3 R's, are 1)Buy Right, 2)Store Right, 3)Use It Up, 4)Pass It On, and 5)Recycle The Rest.

Kathy O will pass on to our Committee the PowerPoint slides used in this presentation, as well as the video (as soon as she can figure out how technically to do this).

Margot suggested that she would contact the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (of which she is a member) and look into whether that Board might support a draft Paint Stewardship letter to the State Legislature.

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The Committee is looking to create a mini-brochure that could be taken to special events, or left at strategic places, to advertise our group and its objectives. Kristen Faughnen with work with Kathy O in developing this brochure.

NEW BUSINESS

- o It was noted that Tracey Bartels (Ulster Co Legislator) has confirmed that she will attend our January meeting (1-12-16). Let's make her welcome. Prepare your questions regarding the new Ulster Co ban on styrofoam products in foodservice establishments. Bring friends.
- o We're giving thought to switching the location of our meetings. More to come.

MEETING ADJOURNED 6:54 P.