

League of Women Voters Mid-Hudson Region  
Materials Management Committee  
Minutes of Meeting July 12, 2016

6:00

Announcements

NYSAR3 Recycling Convention Nov 2-4, Annual conference, member price of admission

John Ferro of PJ doing research on recycling in Dutchess and Ulster counties  
He's spoken to Manna Jo, Laura, Jolanda, Kathy OConnor.

"Let's Talk Trash" Tuesday July 19th Cornell Cooperative Extension at Farm and Home Center in Millbrook (7-9 p.m.). Must register first.

Per Lindsay Carille, Dutchess now has 39 Licensed haulers, up from 18: Dutchess county held its first Household Hazardous Waste event on June 25th and 453 residents bring materials, no final data on pounds recycled yet.

Hudson Valley Regional Council on Feeding the Hudson Valley event October 8th to promote eliminating food waste with free lunch made from leftover food

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Report on Trash Fest: Many art exhibits, plastic bag movie, talk of ordinance to address plastic bag use and implementing bag tax

Tracey Bartels will look into ordinances that have already passed with the intent of making recommendations to legislation

"How To Reduce Personal Waste" led discussion attended by Kathy O'connor and Anne Needham

6:25 Rich Schiafo - Deputy Executive Director Hudson Valley Regional Council

Need for regional material management group to coordinate representative from various counties

6 of seven counties represented. Meet every other month to exchange ideas and experience

Orange County just elected a new recycling coordinator

Rich's forte is organics , reducing waste in the waste stream, food waste prevention and reduction program

Rescuing Leftover Cuisine - started in NYC, takes food produced but not sold, brings to those that need meals

52 million tons of food gets thrown away annually

Grant to grow RLC to expand into Dutchess County: needs volunteers, non profit  
Go to farmer's markets, restaurants, delis to reclaim food before going to waste

Feeding the 5000 event run by Feedback (originally UK, crossing over to US)  
Mini feeding event, reclaimed food and donations, free lunch with Lunch Box  
Tentatively October 8th, Mid-hudson Bridge, Feeding the Hudson Valley,  
Logistical problem, can't predict how much volume of food reclaimed, can't predict how  
many people to feed  
Don't want to source from same places as the food banks and pantries  
NEED VOLUNTEERS, multiple days prep before event

Food Bank Hudson Valley had chef cook-off event, free farm stand every tuesday

Good Samaritan Act protects food suppliers from liability if they donate food

Showing the film "Just Eat It": freeganism, dumpster diving, in Kingston in September or  
October

Food Pantries need help with Waste Management: Supermarkets will give food that's  
gone bad directly to pantries  
Ulstercorps.org List of food pantries  
Dutchess Cornell Cooperative Extension Nutrition Advisory Committee also has list of  
Dutchess Food Pantries

6:54 Meeting Adjourned

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