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HRMC Administrators Report

For February 20, 2009

1) Recycling Revenues

Because of the dramatic slow down in both the domestic and overseas recycling markets the recycling revenues we receive from the MRF program have fallen from over \$50.00 per ton in August 2008 to the contract minimum of \$15.67 per ton in December 2009. No one expects this to increase any time soon and this reduction will have a significant effect on our FY 2010 budget. At the contract minimum, the annual revenues will be over 24,600 less than last year! I expect revenues to remain sluggish and at the \$15.67 level until the overall economy improves. We have heard stories of other MRF's breaking their revenues contracts, so far we are OK....More to come....

2) FY 2010 Town Assessments and Budget

At its meeting of 1/12/09 the HRMC Board vote to reduce its Town assessment budget for FY 2010 by 5% because of the current economic crisis! (See attached spread sheet for your Towns FY 2010 assessment amount) The combination of reduced assessments and reduced recycling revenues and other reductions reduction will means a loss of over \$33,400 (9.3%) to the overall HRMC budget!

3) New MRF Roll Off Containers

The HRMC is about to purchase two more MRF recycling roll off containers purchased in that will make a total of 6 new containers in the system in last 18 months! The HRMC Towns will share and swap in the MRF recycling program. The expected cost of each container is \$6,000.00. Once purchased the new containers will be immediately integrated into the hauling and box swap system. Once they are in place we look at which of the old boxes can still be repaired and which of the old boxes will need to be scrapped. The HRMC's ability to purchase new



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Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative
 Fiscal Year 2010 Member Town Assessment Budget
 Level funded and 95% of Level Funded
 For Time Period 7/1/09 - 6/30/10

Community	Total Tonnage (MRF+ NOHO)	2000 Census Population	Level Funded FY 2010 HRMC Assessment	95% of Level Funded 2010 HRMC Assessment	Reduction Amount (\$)
Ashfield	673.46	1800	\$ 6,452.70	\$ 6,130.07	\$ 322.64
Chesterfield	269.11	1201	\$ 3,674.85	\$ 3,491.11	\$ 183.74
Cumington	342.29	978	\$ 3,587.90	\$ 3,408.51	\$ 179.40
Goshen	225.12	921	\$ 2,796.75	\$ 2,656.91	\$ 139.84
Huntington	651.94	2174	\$ 7,375.00	\$ 7,006.25	\$ 368.75
Middlefield	198.13	542	\$ 1,872.00	\$ 1,778.40	\$ 93.60
Plainfield	177.19	589	\$ 1,901.85	\$ 1,806.76	\$ 95.09
Westhampton	483.68	1468	\$ 4,978.10	\$ 4,729.20	\$ 248.91
Williamsburg	871.15	2427	\$ 8,657.75	\$ 8,224.86	\$ 432.89
Worthington	397.06	1270	\$ 4,419.80	\$ 4,198.81	\$ 220.99
Totals	4289.13	13370	\$ 45,716.70	\$ 43,430.86	\$ 2,285.84

- * Based on level funded budget from FY 2009
- * Town assesments based on tonnage and population
- * Assessment Budgets in FY 07 & 08 were level funded as well

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Administrator, HRMC
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- * All Town Assessments Reduced by 5%
- * Approved by HRMC Board 1/12/09

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1/29/2009



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To the Board,

The Meeting schedule for the HRMC for the remainder of the FY 09 Fiscal year is:

Monday - January 12, 2009

Monday - March 16, 2009

Monday - May 18, 2009

* All meetings will be from 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Williamsburg Town Offices in Haydenville Ma. unless otherwise posted.

Feel free to contact me anytime at:
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Please keep this notice as reminder !!!

Eric Weiss
Administrator, HRMC
1/6/08

MRF recycling roll-off containers will be significantly curtailed next fiscal year because of significant budget reductions. We are also working the Westhampton Board of Health to purchase a new MRF box from the Town of Westhampton at the same time, to get everyone a better price!

4) Northampton Landfill Update

The future of the expansion of the Northampton Landfill is still moving slowly forward. The health studies are completed and found no significant increases of cancer around the landfill. There is however a very vocal group of concerned citizens who continue to be opposed to the landfill expansion project and are threatening legal action against the City at this time. The City Council has not made a final landfill expansion decision yet but whenever I find out more information or attend any other forums related to this issue I will let you know!

5) HRMC 2009 Budget Status

After second quarter the HRMC FY 09 HRMC budget is in good shape and inline with our predictions. I have estimated what the reduced 2010 expenditure budget will look like because of all of the financial turmoil. But we will have to take a wait and see approach like everyone else.

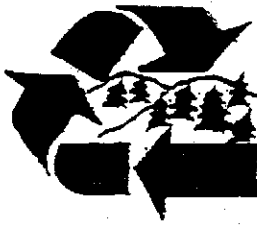
6) Fall 2008 HHW Collection

The November 8, 2008 Annual Regional HHW was a great success!!! We collected Household Hazardous waste from over 213 households (see attached spreadsheet) at a total cost of 13,731.06!

7) Fall 2008 Paint Recycling Collection

The Fall October/November 2008 Paint Recycling was also a great success. We collected over 1125 (see attached spreadsheet) gallons of paint from the 10 HRMC members Towns at a total cost of \$4,454.11!

8) Single Stream Recycling - There discussions concerning converting the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) from a dual stream (bottles and cans / paper and cardboard) system as it is now to single stream system (everything mixed together) sometime in the next 12 - 24 months have slowed down because the dramatic changes in recycling markets. I have recently applied for grant to help us evaluate what the effects of single stream collection would be on rural region like ours. There will be much more information to come on this issue in the 6 - 12 months!



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**HRMC - November
 HHW Event Costs (11/08/08)
 Total Town and User Costs**

Town	HHW (TS Equiv)	HHW (Event)	HHW Est Costs (\$)
Ashfield	35.0	35.0	\$ 4,512.55
Chesterfield	3.0	7.0	\$ 644.65
Cumington	3.0	8.0	\$ 709.12
Goshen	3.0	14.0	\$ 1,095.91
Huntington	4.0	8.0	\$ 773.58
Middlefield	2.0	0.0	\$ 128.94
Plainfield	3.0	8.0	\$ 709.12
Westhampton	4.0	9.0	\$ 838.05
Williamsburg	6.0	30.0	\$ 2,320.74
Worthington	4.0	8.0	\$ 773.58
Other Res	0.0	5.0	\$ 322.33
Towns Totals	67.0	132.0	\$ 12,828.55
Bus/Other			
NE Paint	0.0	6.0	\$ 386.79
M Skalski	0.0	8.0	\$ 515.72
Total Other	0.0	14.0	\$ 902.51
Grand Total	67.0	146.0	\$ 13,731.06

**HHW Collection Day Costs
 HHW + Other Program Costs
 HRMC NOV 8, 2008**

Cost Type	Cost
HHW	\$ 10,650.00
Set Up Fee	\$ 900.00
Trash Disposal	\$ 531.04
Adverstising	\$ 1,344.60
Copying/Posters	\$ 103.51
Phone	\$ 201.91
	\$ 13,731.06
# Households	213.00
Cost/Household	\$ 64.465

* Total Cost per Household = \$64.465
 * Includes all event costs



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**HRMC - October 2008
Paint Collection Costs
For Paint Collected at Transfer Station**

Town	Paint Gallons	Paint Costs
Ashfield	395	\$ 1,564.20
Chesterfield	67	\$ 265.32
Cummington	61	\$ 241.56
Goshen	24	\$ 95.04
Huntington	91	\$ 360.36
Middlefield	41	\$ 162.36
Plainfield	76	\$ 300.96
Westhampton	0	\$ -
Williamsburg	205	\$ 811.80
Worthington	165	\$ 653.40
Towns Totals	1125	\$ 4,455.00
Paint Pick Up		\$ 4,214.25
HRMC Trucking		\$ 239.86
Total Program Costs		\$ 4,454.11

* Paint Recycling Costs = \$3.96/gallon

Eric Weiss
Administrator, HRMC
1/7/2009

SPRINGFIELD MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY ADVISORY BOARD

436 Dwight Street – Springfield, MA 01103

www.springfieldmrf.org

Dear Municipal Official,

January 15, 2009

Members of the MRF Advisory Board (MAB) and I, as the Chairman, feel it is important to discuss what is going on in the world of recycling in light of some of the recent press regarding recycling markets and to remind communities of the importance of recycling in western Massachusetts. Even though we are in a market downturn, there are still economic benefits from your local recycling program.

It is important to remember that the recycling market is like all other commodity markets, in that there are fluctuations and adjustments. During the last several years, MRF communities have enjoyed a sustained period of high market conditions, which have allowed municipalities to share in the significant recycling revenues made by the MRF operator, Waste Management Recycle America (WMRA). However, in November 2008, worldwide recycling markets experienced an unprecedented and precipitous downward decline in pricing. MRF recycling revenue fell from over \$50.00 per ton down to its current contracted level of \$15.67 per ton. This is due to many factors, including decreased demand from Asian markets, and a slow down in production due to poor economic conditions.

Because recycling revenue can fluctuate with the markets, it is not something municipalities should rely upon as part of their operating budgets. Reduced revenues also do not mean communities should change or reduce their recycling programs. The greatest economic benefit of recycling has always been avoided solid waste disposal costs. Solid waste tipping fees in Massachusetts can range from \$75.00 - \$100.00 per ton. Every ton recycled provides your community with a significant economic savings. The MRF estimates that each year member communities save approximately \$3 million in disposal costs by recycling a portion of their solid waste stream. This avoided disposal cost is a savings that municipalities can rely on, and it is built into local budgets.

Going forward in 2009, MRF municipalities can expect to see a decline in the recycling revenue sharing amounts in contrast to what you have received over the past few years. Similar to our current economic crisis, we are unable to predict when markets might turn around. Please remember that your current MRF contract still has a guaranteed flat payment of \$15.67 per ton, therefore, there will be payments made for your recyclables.

The MRF contract protects communities because it incorporates the cyclical nature of the commodity markets. WMRA has long-standing contracts with paper mills and vendors; therefore the material that is processed at the Springfield MRF has been moving to vendors, contrary to some of the speculation in the media that recyclables are being landfilled. The majority of our material from the MRF remains in the domestic or Canadian markets. Much of the national press is focused on the difficulties with west coast recycling programs, which rely so heavily on Asian markets.

Given the uncertain state of our world, it is more important than ever to encourage and even increase recycling in your communities. As our worldwide resources are declining and our climate conditions change, it is very important that we reuse these raw materials. It is also important to remember that as the economy strengthens so will the recycling markets. In the interim, recycling in your community pays dividends by strengthening our local economy, reducing your municipal budget through avoided disposal costs, and benefiting the environment.

We thank you for all of your recycling efforts during the past 19 years and in 2008. Please do not hesitate to contact Justine Fallon of MassDEP at 413-755-2286, or your MRF Advisory Board representative, with any questions or concerns you might have regarding the MRF or your recycling program.

Sincerely,

Eric Weiss
Chairman, MRF Advisory Board

YOUR RECYCLING EFFORTS



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9) MRF Program Update

The MRF program continues to operate well and through the end of September the recycling revenues were quite strong. However since October 1st (like everything else) recycling revenues have fallen off sharply. We, the other MRF Communities, DEP and the MRF operators will have to see what the next few months bring before we can get a better sense of where recycling revenues are headed. So far the reduction in markets has had no effect on which materials the MRF will accept, just the price they get paid for them. As long as we have the revenues we will continue to prioritize using the MRF revenues to purchase new MRF recycling roll off containers, repairing old MRF roll off containers and supporting other important HRMC efforts.

8) Fall 2008 Tire Collections

Tires were collected from most of the ten HRMC member Towns will have their tires collected by Routhier Tire in late November and early December. We collected over 800 tires (see attached spreadsheet) for recycling at a total cost of \$1,460.00 Unfortunately we were unable to collect all of the tires in Westhampton and then a week later the winter's major ice storm hit. Westhampton's tires were collected on 1/23/09.

9) Florescent Light Tube Collections.

The HRMC has set up florescent light bulb collections (See attached ~~map~~ copies of posters for the Towns) with Veolia Environmental for the HRMC member Towns of Ashfield, Goshen, Chesterfield, Westhampton and recently added the Town of Williamsburg and soon Worthington. The collections will also include the new energy saving CFL (Compact Florescent Lights) as well! Veolia currently serves many communities in Massachusetts and has a great reputation for their work in this area.

10) Sustainability Efforts

I have been participating in and was named Chairman of the new "Pioneer Valley Sustainability Network". This is a coalition of groups around the region all who work on different aspects of the sustainability issue...I am hoping we can find source of sustainability grant funding to help our efforts in the next fiscal year.



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**HRMC
Tire Collection
FY 09 Collection Summary
Tires Collected Novemebr 2008**

Town	FY 09 Tires Collected (tons)	Total Tire Coll Costs (\$)	Tire Collection Date (day-mo)
Ashfield	1.92	\$ 480.00	25-Nov
Chesterfield	0.26	\$ 65.00	25-Nov
Cummington	-	\$ -	
Goshen	0.23	\$ 57.50	25-Nov
Huntington	0.57	\$ 142.50	25-Nov
Middlefield	-	\$ -	
Plainfield	-	\$ -	
Westhampton	-	\$ -	
Williamsburg	2.10	\$ 525.00	25-Nov
Worthington	0.76	\$ 190.00	25-Nov
	5.84	\$ 1,460.00	

* Tires are collected by Routhier & Sons

* Price per ton = \$250.00/ton or approximately \$2.50/car tire

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Propane Tank Collection

FY 09 Collection Summary

Propane Tanks Collected - November 19, 2008

Town	Propane Tanks Collected (#)	Total Tank Coll Costs (\$)	Tank Collection Date (day-mo)
Ashfield	81.00	\$ 134.00	19-Nov
Chesterfield	-	\$ -	
Cummington	-	\$ -	
Goshen	-	\$ -	
Huntington	10.00	\$ 30.00	19-Nov
Middlefield	-	\$ -	
Plainfield	-	\$ -	
Westhampton	19.00	\$ 70.00	19-Nov
Williamsburg	-	\$ -	
Worthington	9.00	\$ 21.00	19-Nov
	119.00	\$ 255.00	

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1/22/2009

11) Annual Transfer Station Require DEP Inspections

I recently found out that the required DEP Annual Transfer Station Inspections need to be completed by the end of fiscal year 2009 fiscal year. Therefore I will complete the HRMC area Town inspections in the spring (April 2009) for all HRMC member Towns. These have gone very well in past years and do not at this time anticipate any significant issues.

12) Hampshire Care Demolition Project

The HRMC's work has begun on the demolition of the Old Nurse Building at the Hampshire Care Facility. I am working closely with the HRMC Board and HCOG administrator to make sure this project proceeds well. We are developing a demolition specification for the HCOG will include the proper management and handling of asbestos or other hazardous materials found at the site during the demolition...The HCOG would like to get the bids back by March 2, 2009. We plan to use this specification for the benefit of any other HRMC member Town which needs to demolish a Town building in the future.

13) Solid Waste Hauling Bids

I will be working with a number of HRMC Towns starting with Huntington on re-bidding their solid waste hauling services (I.E. compactors and open tops - The MRF hauling and disposal are separate contracts managed by the HRMC) I will check on the status of each Town's hauling contract and let you know if you need to re-bid at this time. This is a good time to re-bid as oil prices are down and in this slow economy the haulers are looking for work.

14) Electronics Program

The program continues to work fine but the price to collect electronics for recycling has risen to \$0.18/lb. We are going to push the Town to limit the items which can go into the program to only screens (TV's & computers) computer components and other high end electronics. We do not want microwaves, toasters, vacuums, stereos and other household appliances they can go in the metals box for recycling.

I appreciate your help and support. Feel free to contact me any time at 413- 323-4753 on my cell phone at 413 - 687 - 3356 or email hrmc@crocker.com with any questions or concerns you may have.

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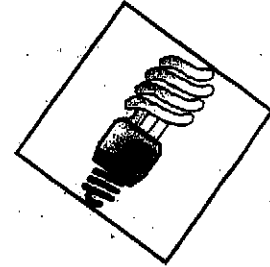
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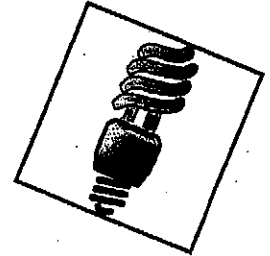
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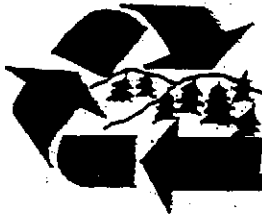
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Other questions ???

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China metals conference: what a difference a year makes



Tensions were running high at the 8th Recycling Metals International Forum in China as foreign visitors complained about: failures among Chinese clients to pay for scrap shipments; renegeing on open contracts; demands for extraordinary discounts; and dramatic quality-related claims. If not for the impact of the steep decline in the international scrap markets, the conference would doubtless be remembered for its outline of significant legal changes in China, including the landmark Circular Economy Promotion Law as well as plans for a revised AQSIQ supplier registration procedure for new applicants that will require on-site inspections. - FROM INTERNATIONAL RECYCLING MAGAZINE

FROM RESOURCE RECYCLING

One of America's largest operators of materials sorting centers has informed several New Jersey communities that it will no longer honor contracts with them. Greenstar North America has told four communities supplying fiber to its Paterson, New Jersey plant that it won't pay them, even though a contractual agreement requires them to do so. Company officials want municipal officials in New Milford, Fairlawn, and several other communities, to renegotiate their contracts. One of the municipalities signed a five-year agreement last October with Greenstar, guaranteeing a \$105-per-ton price for old newsprint and \$90 for old corrugated containers...

Eric

TO ALL, FWI ... ERIC

