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## **Materials Reuse Network/deconstruction**

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm EST**  
79 Elm Street, Hartford

See summary from last meeting below

### **PROPOSED AGENDA**

- **MAIN FOCUS:** Diane Duva, the Asst. Director, of Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division will attend to help MRN/deconstruction understand the challenges and opportunities for legislative change, and partnering with DEP and other state agencies.
- Discussion to follow
- Updates

### **Summary from MRN/deconstruction meeting June 23, 2009:**

Focus of discussion was, what's next. We've learned a lot, met with different folks, and have even shared information at the DEP solid waste advisory council - so what's next?

With current challenges and barriers:

1. Could do nothing
2. Could pursue a separate deconstruction license via Consumer Protection
3. Could pursue changes in current Dept of Public Safety regulations re: demolition registration
4. Pursue both avenues at once
5. Other

Summary of discussion:

1. Should **not** pursue separate deconstruction license via Consumer Protection
  - it's more licensing/money
  - although 'with qualifications' would ensure a certain level of experience - the home renovation license doesn't require any qualifications - so it wouldn't make sense to have more paperwork/another license/more fees to pay if you can go under the current home renovation license
  - ultimately it still wouldn't allow what is needed - recognition of experience/skills to conduct deconstruction - partial or full in CT
2. Folks felt the energy of the Materials Reuse Network should focus on demolition registration changes

-despite the challenges/drawbacks of legislative change - which this most likely means, the group felt it was the only direction to proceed based on the challenges/barriers that exist for full or partial deconstruction

-folks felt that being part of - or a subgroup - of demolition activities was important - deconstruction should not separate itself from the demolition community - but rather help define how they are the same and different

-the group hasn't come to any consensus on the direction MRN/deconstruction should take

Some possibilities - which need to be discussed further

- a. NEW demolition registration class (Class C?)
- b. Revised Class B - to include deconstruction
- c. Add definition of deconstruction within the codes
- d. Change demolition definition to allow for deconstruction
- e. Combination of some above
- f. Something we haven't thought of

### 3. Things that still need to be discussed/addressed:

- a. Deconstruction - how the same and different as demolition projects in terms of skills, hazards, coordination/organizing a project etc.
- b. Deconstruction definition - still no definition
- c. Work with/partnering with Department of Public Safety - could this be an easy code/regulation change? Or is this bigger than that?
- d. Work with/partnering with DEP - is DEP interested in taking this on?
- e. Need to follow up with DPS about being part of their spring 2010 education program for building inspectors.
- f. Need to partner with Historic community. Apparently in Milford the 'wait' period required under the local '[delay of demolition](#)' ordinance was by-passed using 'disassembling' as the reason - although only a fraction of the building was preserved. We need to learn more about this and also to ensure that historic preservation community realize deconstruction folks have similar/shared goals - and don't want to tear down historic buildings.

### 4. UPDATES and NEWS

- a. New Haven - Lil Snyder and Walter Esdale - small business construction in new haven
  - i. The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) submitted a grant for 'zero waste C & D' and will be working with Lil and Walter if the grant comes through on deconstruction - specifically 2 projects to test different ways of learning/skill sets etc.
  - ii. Green Construction Awareness - July 16 9am - 12noon in New Haven (will promote when I hear more) - this is a day targeting City of New Haven staff/agencies to help them understand the need for C & D waste management to be part of their green building/sustainability efforts - with a major focus/emphasis on deconstruction. Sherill Baldwin, DEP and Ted Reiff/Kirk Hoeffler from TRP have been invited to speak.

- b. Naugatuck Community College - Joe DeRisi provided info on behalf of NCC - that they are drafting curriculum for a deconstruction class for fall 2009. It will include a certification. Details are unknown. Perhaps we can get an update from Sara Gager/NCC next month.
- c. American Institute of Architects CT - Joe DeRisi, Rick Roberts and Sherill Baldwin have all been invited to speak about deconstruction/C & D recycling/waste management plans for architects/developers at the AIA meeting September 29 (1-4pm I think) - place unknown. Also, none of us (the speakers) are members of AIA and not sure if this will only be open to members or open to general public. Will let you know more details when we learn them.
- d. Education for building materials reuse centers - Sherill Baldwin shared she really wants to keep the idea of a workshop (1/2 or full day) on everyone's radar for reuse centers. They are an integral part of this effort to increase recovery and reuse of building materials and often due to low staff/finances and reliance on volunteers - are not able to attend MRN meetings. Sherill spoke with someone from EPA that said they may have a little money to help with covering lunch and perhaps travel for a building materials reuse center workshop. Unsure if this will happen - but hoping if something does happen it would be late fall 2009. Charles Paonessa said he would be interested in helping.
- e. The Reuse People have two new regional managers - Mike Yurish and Charles Paonessa. Yeah! Congrats!

**REMINDERS:**

If you're attending the meeting in person, give yourself time to check in at the Security Desk - Bring Your I.D.

[Directions/parking](#)

**Also - conference call capabilities for our meetings!**

We can host up to 20 folks on the call! So if you're in New York City, Nashua, Springfield, Providence or Peru - you have no excuse to not join us!

Please email me [Sherill Baldwin](#) if you're interested in joining the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting by phone!

**Please pass onto others you think would be interested in joining us.**

If you would like to be put on the MRN e-distribution list to learn about upcoming meetings and join the discussion, please email [Sherill Baldwin](#).

Thanks - look forward to seeing/hearing you all!

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