

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2020 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Working Group via ZOOM

Present:	See Attachment A
Next meeting:	November 20, 2020, 10am
Prepared by:	Chelsey Hahn, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting began at 1:00pm

Co-chairs Matt Knickerbocker First Selectman, Bethel, CT and Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Sustainability & Compliance Office, Branford, CT provided welcoming remarks, introduced the speakers and highlighted the request for comments and solutions.

II. Committee Reports

The working group members heard the following presentations:

Alison Keane, Flexible Packaging Association (FPA) presented on the association, the packaging types they cover and single use plastic. Additional topics included FPA Packaging EPR policy and circular economy and end markets and banning certain packaging, marine debris and recycling.

Dan Felton, Ameripen – spoke about Ameripen and end of life for packaging, circular economy and packaging recovery and recycling financing in the U.S. His presentation also covered recycled content and contamination in recycling and a deep dive on funding needs from the industry perspective.

Dylan de Thomas, The Recycling Partnership (TRP) – Transforming Recycling for Good presented on the Recycling Partnership. He covered the grants they provide, their free online tools, the conferences they host and the trainings they provide across the country. He covered the circular economy accelerator, a policy program of the Recycling Partnership and brand commitments about recycling; he provided an overview of the report compiled by TRP “Accelerating Recycling: Policy to Unlock Supply for the Circular Economy”

III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. Working group members were interested in other existing packaging EPR programs, and which are most robust, which program elements are most important; further details on fee schedules; existing programs focusing on packaging size. Additionally, members were interested in which packaging types are most common and should be focused on.

There was discussion on EPR models and eco-modulation fees that factor in potential ocean pollution; legislation to develop “fairer” systems for the pollution problem. Pay-as-You-Throw programs and their relationship to EPR programs also was addressed. Members brought up the Break Free from Plastic Pollution act and mandated recycled content and if/ how these efforts fit in with EPR.

From the industry perspective, the costs and income from the EPR programs should be something they can control if they are the responsible party. The industry is interested in keeping and changing some of the aspects of proposed EPR legislation. Policy and consumer education and ecommerce packaging are all new and important aspects of developing these programs. A question about partnerships and the various organizations and alignment with EPR legislation spurred additional dialog confirming that the sectors are working together to have cohesive EPR legislation and not a large variety of different programs for each type of packaging.

Other discussion included next steps, including upcoming meeting dates and a reiterated request for members to submit and review the request for comments, the results of the pre-coalition survey were discussed, with questions about most problematic sectors such as tires and sharps as well as a discussion around the proposed legislation on EPR in CT.

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public were asked to use the “chat” feature or the “raise hand” feature to indicate if they wanted to make a comment.

Public comments included the need for recycled content markets to drive recycling, non-black plant nursery pots and their recyclability, mattress recycling and mandated recycled content to drive demand for collection.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:55

Host Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)			
Yes	Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)			
Panelist Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)			
Yes	Jen Heaton-Jones - HRRR Towns (Jen Heaton- Jones)			

Yes	Katherine Bruns - Wet Hartford (KatherineBruns)			
Yes	Diana McCarthy- Bercury (Diana McCarthy- Bercury)			
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Yes	Patricia Sesto - Greenwich (PatriciaSesto)			
Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)			
Yes	Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Sharon TS (BrianBartram)			
Yes	Brian Sear - New London (BrianSear)			
Yes	Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (Chelsey Hahn)			
Yes	Dylan de Thomas - The Recycling Partnership (Dylan de Thomas)			
Yes	ToddFontanella			
Yes	Virginia Walton - Mansfield (VirginiaWalton)			
Yes	Kevin Sullivan - DEEP (KevinSullivan)			
Yes	James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)			
Yes	Sherill Baldwin			
Yes	Jennifer Weymouth - DEEP (Jennifer Weymouth)			
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Yes	Alison Keane - FPA (Alison Keane)			
Yes	Jennifer Baum - HRRRA (JenniferBaum)			
Yes	Lori Vitagliano - RWA (LoriVitagliano)			
Yes	Carolyn Bayne - Darien (CarolynBayne)			
Yes	Kim O'Rourke - Middletown (KimO'Rourke)			
Yes	Tom Metzner - DEEP (Tom Metzner)			
Yes	Yvonne Bolton- DEEP (Yvonne Bolton)			
Yes	Dan Felton - Ameripen (Dan Felton)			
Yes	Barry ONell - Old Saybrook (barryONell)			
Yes	Karl Kilduff - Clinton (KarlKilduff)			
Yes	DavidCapacchione			
Yes	JenniferHolliday			
Yes	Matt Knickerbocker - Bethel (Matt Knickerbocker)			
Yes	Robert Isner DEEP (Robert Isner)			
Yes	Peter Brunelli - DEEP (PeterBrunelli)			
Yes	Chris Holden - Middletown (ChrisHolden)			

Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer - RiverCOG (JaniceEhle/Meyer)			
Attendee Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)	City	State/Province	Organization
Yes	Liz Connelly	Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting LLC
Yes	Katherine Bruns	West Hartford	AL	Department of Public Works
Yes	Patricia Sesto	Greenwich	CT	Town of Greenwich
Yes	Kelsey Wentling	Hartford	CT	Connecticut River Conservancy
Yes	Andrew Radin	Syracuse	NY	NYPSC
Yes	Brian Bartram	Salisbury	CT	Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station
Yes	Brian Sear	New London	CT	Public Works
Yes	Karen Weeks	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	Todd Fontanella - WestCOG (Todd Fontanella)	Sandy Hook	CT	Western Connecticut Council of Governments
Yes	Evan Dantos	Hartford	CT	RC
Yes	Lisa Fecke	New Britain	CT	Gaffney, Bennett
Yes	Virginia Walton	Storrs	CT	Town of Mansfield
Yes	April Regan	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & Recycling
Yes	Kevin Sullivan	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP
Yes	Andrew Hackman	Boston	MA	AMERIPEN
Yes	John Pizzimenti	Enfield	CT	F & G LLC
Yes	Sydney Harris	Dover	NH	Product Stewardship Institute
Yes	Jennifer Baum	Brookfield	AL	HRRA
Yes	Brennan Georgianni	Washington	DC	Plastics Industry Association
Yes	Lori Vitagliano	New Haven	CT	Regional Water Authority
Yes	Carolyn Bayne	Darien	CT	Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability
Yes	Kim O'Rourke	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown CT

Yes	Steven Changaris	Auburn	MA	CT Chapter, Nat'l Waste & Recycling Assoc
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Yes	Michael Bzdyra	Hartford	CT	Murtha Cullina LLP
Yes	Jesse Levine	Washington	DC	U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association
Yes	Hillary Glass	Hartford	CT	RSG
Yes	Brendan Fox	New Britain	CT	GBA
Yes	Linda Kowalski	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	Robbie McLuckie	Washington DC	DC	Consumer Healthcare Products Association
Yes	Josh Hughes	West Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting
Yes	barry ONell	old Saybrook	CT	town of Old Saybrook
Yes	Karl Kilduff	Clinton	CT	Town of Clinton
Yes	David Capacchione - Killingly (David Capacchione)	Killingly	AL	Town of Killingly
Yes	Jennifer Holliday - CSWD (Jennifer Holliday)	Williston	VT	Chittenden Solid Waste District
Yes	kevin spinella	new britain	CT	Gaffney bennett and assoc
Yes	Michael Noel	trumbull	CT	TOMRA
Yes	Dan McGowan	Guilford	CT	Mattress Recycling Council
Yes	Peter Brunelli	Hartford	CT	CT DEEO
Yes	Chris Holden	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown Public Works
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer	Essex	CT	RiverCOG
Yes	Marci Kinter	Fairfax	VA	PRINTING United Alliance
Yes	JENNIFER GITLITZ	DALTON	AL	Container Recycling Institute
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR
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