

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2020 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Working Group via ZOOM

Present:	See Attachment A
Next meeting:	Conclusion of EPR working group meetings, Full Coalition meeting, December 16, 2020, 1pm
Prepared by:	Chelsey Hahn, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting began at 10:00am

Co-chairs Matt Knickerbocker First Selectman, Bethel, CT and Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Sustainability & Compliance Office, Branford, CT introduced the speakers thank the group for all their work over the past few months.

II. Committee Reports

Kelsey Wentling, Connecticut River Conservancy, provided an overview of tire pollution and the CT River Conservancy efforts to document and clean up tire dump sites. They want to shift from river clean-up events to more “upstream” efforts and want to see producers and industry efforts to solve these problems. She discussed policies and full-watershed issues around waste and efforts to stop single use plastic, tires and Styrofoam which are the biggest categories of the waste found in the river. She also covered the excessive amounts of tires that have been pulled out of the river and tires being dumped; tire aging is proposed to see when the tires were sold. She also covered the environmental impacts of tires on the river and wildlife.

Jennifer Heaton-Jones, HRRRA presented on the dangers and difficulty of managing and processing fuel cylinders. She spoke on performance targets and goals for EPR for fuel cylinders; including outreach and education and disposal around these cylinders.

III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. Working group members were concerned about the dangers of processing the fuel cylinders. A question addressed tire recycling and recapturing programs and if we know that they are being reused; if they are safe to reuse in other settings and how tires are used for fuel; finding markets for tires is very difficult.

The discussion continued about eco-modulation and eco-fee's for tire EPR. Additional questions were asked around human health issues of tire pollution; long-term enforcement action by DEEP on

stockpiling and illegal dumping of tires. Working group members are in support of EPR and how EPR programs can save municipalities money. The group also discussed fees and fines associated with re-filling fuel cylinders and job creation from EPR.

Other discussion included next steps and a reiterated request for members to attend the final two full-coalition meetings on December 16th and January 5th (*since this meeting occurred, the final meeting date of January 5th has been moved to January 11th*). Matt Knickerbocker spoke about the Menu of Options that DEEP staff is putting together as a “recap” of all the information from the working groups.

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.

A public comment was received about New York possibly proposing EPR for packaging.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:47am

Attachment A

Attended	User Name (Original Name)				
Yes	Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)				
Panelist Details					
Attended	User Name (Original Name)				
Yes	James Stewart (JamesStewart)				
Yes	Kelsey Wentling (she/her) - CRC (Kelsey Wentling)				
Yes	KevinSullivan				
Yes	Kevin Sullivan - DEEP (KevinSullivan)				

Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)				
Yes	Andrew Droney - CT House Republican Office (AndrewDroney)				
Yes	Dave Aldridge - SCRRRA (DaveAldridge)				
Yes	Brian Sear - City of New London (BrianSear)				
Yes	Terri Christenson - Harwinton (TheresaChristenson)				
Yes	Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (Chelsey Hahn)				
Yes	Virginia Walton - Mansfield (VirginiaWalton)				
Yes	Kim O'Rourke - Middletown (KimO'Rourke)				
Yes	KimO'Rourke				
Yes	Katherine Bruns - West Hartford (KatherineBrunns)				
Yes	Matt Knickerbocker - Town of Bethel (Matt Knickerbocker)				
Yes	Carolyn Bayne - Darien Advisory				

	Committee on Sustainability (CarolynBayne)				
Yes	David Capacchione - Killingly (DavidCapacchione)				
Yes	LoriVitagliano				
Yes	Robert Isner - DEEP (Robert Isner)				
Yes	Jen Heaton-Jones - HRRR Towns (Jen Heaton-Jones)				
Yes	Jennifer Baum - HRRR (JenniferBaum)				
Yes	Diana McCarthy-Bercury (Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Town of Branford)				
Yes	Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Town of Branford				
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer - RiverCOG (janice RiverCOG)				
Yes	BarbaraBettigole				
Yes	Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Shar on TS (BrianBartram)				
Yes	Tom Metzner - DEEP (Tom Metzner)				

Attendee Details					
Attended	User Name (Original Name)	City	State/Province	Organization	
Yes	James Stewart	Naugatuck	CT	Naugatuck -ct DPW	
Yes	Kevin Sullivan	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP	
Yes	Josh Hughes	West hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting	
Yes	Amy Brackin	Pittsburgh	PA	Liberty Tire Recycling	
Yes	Andrew Droney	Hartford	CT	CT House Republican Office	
Yes	Jeff Martirano	Sandy Hook	CT	Barton and Loguidice Engineers, PLLC	
Yes	Dave Aldridge	Gales Ferry	CT	SCRRA	
Yes	Brian Sear	New London	CT	City of New London	
Yes	Theresa Christenson	Harwinton	CT	Town of Harwinton	
Yes	John Pizzimenti	Enfield	CT	Murphy Road Recycling LLC	
Yes	sean hughes	old saybrook	CT	Hughes & Cronin	
Yes	Garth Hickle	St Paul	MN	Garth Hickle Consulting	
Yes	Virginia Walton	Storrs	CT	Town of Mansfield	
Yes	Michael Bzdyra	Wethersfield	CT	NA	
Yes	Kim O'Rourke	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown CT	
Yes	Kim O'Rourke-Middletown				
Yes	Robbie McLuckie	Washington	DC	Consumer Healthcare Products Association	
Yes	Katherine Bruns	West Hartford	CT	Department of Public Works	
Yes	Katherine Bruns				

Yes	Lisa Fecke	Madison	CT	Gaffney, Bennett	
Yes	Carolyn Bayne	Darien	CT	Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability	
Yes	kevin spinella	new britain	CT	GBA	
Yes	Brian Heindl	Stamford	CT	Henkel of America, Inc	
Yes	Ryan Hughes	New haven	CT	The Kowalski Group	
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Yes	David Capacchione	Killingly	CT	Town of Killingly	
Yes	JAMES WOULFE	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC	
Yes	Lori Vitagliano - RWA (Lori Vitagliano)	New Haven	CT	Regional Water Authority	
Yes	patrick mccabe	Hartford	CT	Capitol Strategies Group	
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR ENVIRONMEN T	
Yes	John Sheerin	Washington	DC	USTMA	
Yes	Karen Weeks	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC	
Yes	Jennifer Baum	Brookfield	CT	Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority	
Yes	Dan McGowan	Guilford	CT	Mattress Recycling Council	
Yes	janice RiverCOG	Essex	CT	Lower CT River Valley	
Yes	Barbara Bettigole - Salisbury/Shar on TS Recycling Adv. Comm. (Barbara Bettigole)	Lakeville	AL	Salisbury Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Comm.	

Yes	Evan Bruning	Boston	MA	Serlin Haley LLP	
Yes	Brian Bartram	Salisbury/Shar on	CT	Salisbury/Shar on Transfer Station	
Yes	Mike Ewall	Philadelphia	PA	Energy Justice Network	
Yes	Gary Jones	Fairfax	PA	Printing United Alliance	