

# Unit-Based Pricing Working Group Meeting October 15, 2020 1-3pm



Welcome & Introductions, Co-chairs:

Katie Dykes, DEEP Commissioner Elinor Carbone, Mayor of Torrington

DEEP Support Staff: Gabrielle Frigon and Jennifer Weymouth



- Focus of Meeting:
  - Existing systems/models/ best practices, potential hazards?
  - One specific statewide approach, how it's working
  - Municipal experiences, successes, challenges
  - Feedback, discussion



## CCSMM (https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-CCSMM)

- Connecticut is looking to the future of waste reduction and sustainable materials
  management. DEEP and many municipalities from across the state are joining to form
  the Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) and explore
  ways to reduce the amount of waste that is generated in our state, improve reuse,
  recycling, organics collection, and other innovative solutions.
- CCSMM is looking to the future to find preferred ways to reduce and manage the amount of waste produced in Connecticut that provide system reliability, environmental sustainability, and fiscal predictability. A full list of the participating jurisdictions is included on the website and will be updated as more jurisdictions sign on over time.



## Housekeeping

- Please keep audio on mute
- CCSMM Members: Please "rename" yourself on Zoom to add town/affiliation (via Participants)
- This meeting is being recorded
- Non-municipal participants: Input, ideas and comments will be accepted through chat
- You are encouraged to provide feedback through <u>DEEP.RecyclingProgram@ct.gov</u>



Presentations: 1:10 – 2:15 pm

- ❖ Lisa Skumatz Skumatz Economic Research Associates
  - Overview of UBP across the country and implementation best practices
- ❖ Josh Kelly Materials Management Section Chief, VT Agency of Natural Resources, DEC Implementation of the PAYT mandate in VT's Universal Recycling Law
- ❖ John Phillips Director of Public Works, West Hartford West Hartford's UBP efforts
- ❖ John Phetteplace Director of Solid Waste and Recycling, Stonington Stonington's UBP program implementation and results



#### Presenter Bios

Dr. Lisa Skumatz is an economist and heads the research and consulting firm Skumatz Economic Research Associates and the non-profit Econservation Institute. For 40 years now, Lisa has been planning and evaluating solid waste and sustainability programs and policies for more than 200 clients at the local, state, and national level across the US, Canada, and overseas. She is the national leader in Unit-Based Pricing and has conducted community-level projects as well as training, manuals, and assistance at the state level for numerous states. Besides her consulting experience, Lisa has worked for a city solid waste utility and is a former elected official, and understands issues surrounding UBP from multiple directions.

Josh Kelly is Materials Management Section Chief at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation in the Solid Waste Program. He works with a team of six to implement Vermont's recycling, composting, product stewardship, and waste reduction initiatives.



#### **Presenter Bios**

John Phillips, West Hartford Director of Public Works, has been with Public Works for 24 years and the Town's Director for the last 11 years. Prior to Town service John is a veteran of the in the US Navy Seabees and a veteran of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. With West Hartford Public Works, John is responsible for the maintenance and care of the Town's transportation system, grounds, parks, trees, fleet, and waste management services. West Hartford waste management programs serve over 20,000 residential properties.

John Phetteplace is the Director of Solid Waste and Recycling for the Town of Stonington. He has been a Solid Waste Manager for the Town of Stonington since 1990. John implemented residential Unit-Based-Pricing in 1992 and then commercial Unit-Based Pricing in 1997.



Panel Q & A / Working Group Discussion 2:15 – 2:35 pm

• Public Comments 2:35 – 2:55 pm

NOTE: For non-municipal attendees, to submit comments, use the CHAT box or submit them through the public engagement request for comments and solutions



Next Steps 2:55 – 3 pm

## Future Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday, October 28, 9-11:30am
- Monday, November Week of the 9th TBD
- Monday, November 23, 9-11:30am
- Wednesday, December 9, 9-11:30am

Registration information to be provided in advance of each meeting.



## Co-Chairs:

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