

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2020 Unit Based Pricing Working Group via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A

Next meeting: N/A, final scheduled meeting of this working group

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I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting started at 9:00am.

Co-chairs Katie Dykes, DEEP Commissioner and Elinor Carbone, Mayor of Torrington provided welcoming remarks, introductions, housekeeping rules and an overview of the Unit Based Pricing Working Group as part of the CCSMM initiative process.

II. Committee Reports

Gabrielle Frigon, CT DEEP presented an overview of the previous UBP Working Group meeting conversation and poll results.

Commissioner Dykes presented the draft menu of options coming out of working group discussions and noted municipal, DEEP and legislative options.

Jillian Wilson-Martin, Sustainability Coordinator, Natick, MA presented on Natick, MA Unit Based Pricing and Sustainability experiences and best management practices.

Kevin Budris, Staff Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation presented on the Intersection of Unit Based Pricing and Equity.

III. Roundtable

Members discussed how mandating unit based pricing might be implemented. Other discussion included statewide mandate options and framework. Members discussed the benefits of unit based pricing programs for municipalities. Commissioner Dykes noted that the goal of the working group conversation is to find consensus as a working group for the best way forward to implement unit based pricing programs and utilize best management options.

Commissioner Dykes posed the question of a statewide mandate and asked if that would be an option the working group should present to the full coalition. Several working group members noted the difficulty of implementing unit based pricing programs on a town by town basis and expressed interest in a statewide mandate while noting the need for haulers to be involved in the conversation and leaving options available for municipalities. Other members suggested that every municipality is different and performance standards may be a better route forward than unit based pricing programs. Regional options

were also noted, with Councils of Governments (COGs) suggested as possible places for regional organization.

The group also discussed funding needs and opportunities, including potential expansion of the solid waste assessment fee. Working group members noted unit based pricing as a successful waste reduction strategy and an important action to assist with the crisis of MIRA closing. Members also noted the necessity of public outreach and incentives as well as state enforcement working hand in hand with implementation.

Other discussion included linking unit based pricing with organics as well as additional diversion options. Kristen Brown, Waste Zero presented on the tendencies of recycling markets as well as job creation opportunities. Members also commented on extended producer responsibility and recycled content requirements influence on markets.

Members were given a poll that asked: “Choose three legislative options that you would like to see move forward.” The top three choices were: to expand and increase solid waste assessment and utilize additional revenue to fund municipal sustainable materials management efforts; implement a statewide mandate authorizing municipalities to choose administrative structure and UBP system; and implement a statewide mandate specifying administrative structure and UBP system to be adapted. Members discussed additional options, including Waste to Energy led implementation.

Other discussion included next steps, including the upcoming full coalition meeting on December 16, 2020 at 1:00pm.

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.

Diane Lauricella, Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition stated the need for a massive municipal official education roll out with examples about how much money would be saved. Diane also noted that the lens of the initiative cannot be only based on MIRA and must be framed as a state-wide initiative. Diane also stated the need for incentives.

Jennifer Kleindienst, Middletown stated interest in a statewide mandate.

V. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 11:30am.

Appendix A.

Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)			
User Name (Original Name)			
Robert Isner - DEEP (Robert Isner)			
JamesHayden			
Catherine Matzul - DEEP (CatherineMatzul)			
John Phillips - West Hartford (JohnPhillips)			
Kristen Brown - Waste Zero (Kristen Brown)			
Paul Kundzins - Torrington (PaulKundzins)			
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ShubhadaKambli			
Jillian Wilson- Martin - SPEAKER (Jillian Wilson- Martin)			
Pamela Roach - SCRCOG (PamelaRoach)			
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DavidBodendorf			
JerryGeci			
Scott Kalb - Greenwich Waste Mangement Committee (ScottKalb)			

Peter Brunelli - DEEP (PeterBrunelli)			
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Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Sharon TS (BrianBartram)			
Katie Dykes - DEEP (Katie Dykes)			
Diane Lauricella - Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition (DianeLauricella)			
Miriam Theroux - Rocky Hill (MiriamTheroux)			
EvanBruning			
Jen Heaton-Jones HRRRA (Jen Heaton- Jones)			
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Michael Basham - Greenwich (MichaelBasham)			
Elinor Carbone - Torrington (Elinor Carbone)			
Sherill Baldwin - DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)			
JenniferKleindienst			
LisaMarotta			
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Raymond Drew - Torrington (RaymondDrew)			
Lesley Barewin - NVCOG (LesleyBarewin)			
Kevin Budris - CLF - SPEAKER (Kevin Budris)			
JohnMehr			

Hugh Dolan - Fairfield (HughDolan)			
Janice Ehle/Meyer - RiverCOG (janice RiverCOG)			
Terri Christenson - Harwinton (TheresaChristenson)			
John Phetteplace - Stonington (JohnPhetteplace)			
Gabrielle Frigon - DEEP (Gabrielle Frigon)			
Jennifer Weymouth - DEEP (Jennifer Weymouth)			
Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (Chelsey Hahn)			
Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)			
Diana McCarthy-Bercury - Branford (DianaMcCarthy-Bercury)			
Paul Aresta - CT CEQ (PaulAresta)			
Chris Lippke - Canterbury (chrislippke)			
Dave Aldridge - SCRRRA (DaveAldridge)			
James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)			
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Catherine Matzul	Oakdale	CT	DEEP
John Phillips	West Hartford	CT	Town of West Hartford
Josh Hughes	West Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting
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Pamela Roach	North Haven	CT	SCRCOG
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Scott Kalb	Greenwich	CT	First Selectman's Waste Mangement Committee
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Diane Lauricella	Norwalk	CT	Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition
Miriam Theroux	Rocky Hill	CT	Rocky Hill
Miriam Theroux			
Evan Bruning	Boston	MA	Serlin Haley LLP
Evan Bruning			
Michael Basham	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Waste Management Committee
Karen Weeks	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
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Patricia Taylor	Milford	CT	Environment and Human Health, Inc. (EHHI)
Andrew Droney	Hartford	CT	CT House Republican Office
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Raymond Drew	Torrington	CT	City Of Torrington
Susan Eastwood	Ashford	CT	Sierra Club

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kevin spinella	new britain	CT	GBA
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Lesley Barewin	Waterbury	CT	NVCOG
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