

Connecticut Bottle Bill Advisory Group Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2023 1:00pm via ZOOM

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| Present: | See Attachment A |
| Next meeting: | Monday, October 16 at 1:00pm via ZOOM |
| Prepared by: | Elizabeth Moore, DEEP |

I. Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting started at 1:00PM.

James Albis, Director of the Office of Policy and Planning, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) provided welcoming remarks.

II. Committee Reports

James Albis described the purpose of the advisory group in meeting regularly to receive updates and provide input on DEEP's implementation of its responsibilities under Public Act 21-58. A survey was sent to all participants at the previous advisory group meeting and the results of the survey were shared. The survey focused primarily on topics attendees wanted to be covered at Bottle Bill Advisory Group meetings.

Chris Nelson, Supervising Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP presented background information on the origins of the Connecticut Bottle Bill and shared current data related to the program.

Susan Collins, President of the Container Recycling Institute (CRI), presented an overview of the beverage container deposit laws and redemption center information for various states.

III. Roundtable and Public Comment

Following presentations, James Albis asked attendees to share any comments or questions.

Shahil Kantesaria, Central Connecticut Redemption Center, asked if the Recycling Makes Cents website described at the previous advisory group meeting will include container database information.

Robyn Nichols, Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), asked if redemption rates are also impacted by population and sales and whether that is accounted for in the national numbers presented by Susan Collins.

Fran Brady, Connecticut Recyclers Coalition, asked what the process would be to start a green bag collection system like Oregon.

Katherine Bruns, West Hartford Recycling Coordinator, asked if there is any pressure on gas stations to provide redemption services. Bruns noted many beverage containers wind up in the trash at gas stations where no recycling is offered.

Shahil Kantesaria asked about decisions on the exact containers that are in or out of the program.

Donald McCalman, Hope Bay Consulting, asked if any states require collection from hospitality establishments like bars and restaurants. McCalman noted it is common in Europe.

Robyn Nichols asked about making it a requirement for certain industries to redeem beverage containers. For example, Nichols suggested industries that sell a certain determined volume could be required to redeem.

Julie Cammarata, Cammarata Government Affairs, asked if any municipalities have applied to run a redemption center.

IV. Adjournment

James Albis closed the meeting and noted that any thoughts related to the topics discussed and any future meeting topics may be sent to the DEEP.MMCAPanning@ct.gov email address.

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Attachment A.

James Albis

Susan Collins

Chris Nelson - CT DEEP (Chris Nelson)

Tony Manfre

Nicole Griffin

Raymond Rogozinski

Fran Brady

Ethan Werstler

Shahil Kantesaria

Allen Holcomb

Laura Pointek

Mary Grywatch

Ben Parsons

Peter Gallo

Krishna Winston

Bridget O'Brien

Paul Aresta

Beth Milligan

Reagan Kenney

Robert Isner

Donald McCalman

Brian Sullivan

Jeff Caggiano

Megan Siegel

Penny Newbury

Kathy Kennedy

Jude Malone

Jackie Caceci

Tyler Anderson

Jay Aronson

Susannah Smith

lisa fecke

Samantha Davis

Bree Dietly

David McBride

Carrie Rand-Anastasiades

Kevin Spinella

Katherine Bruns

Eric Gjede

Mike Rell

C.J. Kowaleski

Sean Hughes

Susan Tufts

Ryan Bingham

kerry brown

Denise Best

David Aldridge

Doug Bedard

john bailey

Jennifer Amundsen

Elizabeth Moore

Sally Davies

Sabrina Correll

Dallas Dodge

Pamela Roach

Mara Shulman

Alissa Wesche

Kim O'Rourke

Joe Canino

Amanda Kennedy

Brenna Toman

ROBYN NICHOLS

Harrison Nantz

Ashley Zane

Andrew Droney

Anita Schwartz

Julie Cammarata

Mary Hogue

Linda Kowalski

Rocky Gallo

Viola Johnson Jacobs

Hillary Glass

Tracy Persico

Daniel McGowan

Tony Hwang

Humphrey Amedeo