

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2020 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Working Group via ZOOM

Present:	See Attachment A
Next meeting:	December 4, 2020, 10am
Prepared by:	Chelsey Hahn, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting began at 10:03am

Co-chairs Matt Knickerbocker First Selectman, Bethel, CT and Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Sustainability & Compliance Office, Branford, CT provided welcoming remarks and introduced the speakers for the meeting. They emphasized the desire of the working group to start acting upon these issues as rather than just learning about the issues around litter and pollution and EPR.

II. Committee Reports

Victor Bell, Lorax EPI, presented on environmental packaging and technology, working on calculating the fees associated with packaging. He covered the history of EPR in the EU and discussed EPR targets and fees and spending in other countries by producer responsibility organizations. He also discussed the US Plastic Pact and recycling goals and EPR fees for the various product packaging types.

David Lefebvre, Recycle BC & Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance, spoke about Recycle BC and how they work in Canada on waste management, regulations and industry circumstances in Canada. Went into an overview on the program and the funding for the program, speaking on Full producer Responsibility and residential collection and recycling for all of British Columbia.

III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. Working group members wanted to learn more about Recycle BC and coordinating with waste management collection. Additional comments and questions were around participation rates and successes with RecycleBC and co-branded messaging and communication around recycling education.

Additional questions included information about local and state cooperation between communities and sectors and eco-modulation of fees. Members were interested in the circular economy and getting recycled materials to be used. Other topics discussed included participation for multi-family housing in recycling and material recycling facilities and if EPR could hurt these small businesses.

Other discussion included next steps, including upcoming meeting dates and a reiterated request for members to attend the full coalition meeting on December 16th, and working group members wanted to emphasize the importance of packaging EPR discussions going forward.

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 member of the public was interested in how much of the recycling is being burned and used for engineered fuel and included other comments on energy recovery vs waste to energy, including thoughts on toxic ash and air pollution

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am

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Host Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)			
Yes	Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)			
Panelist Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)			
Yes	Pamela Roach - SCRCOG (PamelaRoach)			
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Yes	Matt Knickerbocker - Bethel (Matt Knickerbocker)			
Yes	Ginny Walton - Mansfield (VirginiaWalton)			
Yes	Rachel Langhill			
Yes	TerriChristenson - Harwinton			

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Yes	Kim O'Rourke - Middletown (KimO'Rourke)			
Yes	Carolyn Bayne - Darien (CarolynBayne)			
Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)			
Yes	James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)			
Yes	Dave Aldridge - SCRRRA (DaveAldridge)			
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Yes	Tom Metzner - DEEP (Tom Metzner)			
Yes	Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (Chelsey Hahn)			
Yes	David Lefebvre - SPEAKER (David Lefebvre)			
Yes	Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Branford			
Yes	Victor Bell - SPEAKER (Victor Bell)			
Yes	Jen Heaton-Jones - HRRRA (Jen Heaton-Jones)			
Yes	Brian Sear - New London (BrianSear)			
Yes	Yvonne Bolton - DEEP (Yvonne Bolton)			
Yes	Robert Isner - DEEP (Robert Isner)			
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Yes	KevinSullivan			

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Attendee Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)	City	State/Province	Organization
Yes	Brian Heindl	Stamford	CT	Henkel of America, Inc
Yes	Kelsey Wentling	Hartford	CT	Connecticut River Conservancy
Yes	Brennan Georgianni	Washington	DC	Plastics Industry Association
Yes	Pamela Roach	North Haven	CT	SCRCOG
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Yes	Dan McGowan	Guilford	CT	Mattress Recycling Council
Yes	Hillary Glass	Hartford	CT	RSG
Yes	john sheerin	Washington	IL	USTMA
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Yes	Virginia Walton	Storrs	CT	Town of Mansfield
Yes	kevin spinella	new britain	CT	GBA
Yes	TERRI CHRISTENSON	Harwinton	CT	Town of Harwinton
Yes	Karen Weeks	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	Debra Darby	Gloucester	MA	Tetra Tech
Yes	Kim O'Rourke	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown CT
Yes	Carolyn Bayne	Darien	CT	Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability
Yes	Nicole Tomassetti	Hartford	CT	Capitol Strategies Group
Yes	Robbie McLuckie	Washington	DC	CHPA
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Yes	Sarah Bloomquist	Brooklyn	NY	TOMRA
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Yes	Evan Dantos	Hartford	CT	RC
Yes	Dave Aldridge	Gales Ferry	CT	SCRRA
Yes	Liz Connelly	Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting LLC
Yes	John Pizzimenti	Enfield	CT	Murphy Road Recycling LLC
Yes	Ashley Zane	Hartford	CT	CBIA
Yes	James Woulfe	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC
Yes	James Woulfe			

Yes	April Regan	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & Recycling
Yes	Amy Brackin	Pittsburgh	PA	Liberty Tire Recycling
Yes	Shannen Patel	Washington	DC	U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association
Yes	Michael Bzdyra	Hartford	CT	Murtha cullina LLP
Yes	pj cIMINI	HARTFORD	CT	CSG
Yes	Brian Sear	New London	CT	Public Works
Yes	Mike Ewall	Philadelphia	PA	Energy Justice Network
Yes	sean hughes	old saybrook	CT	Hughes & Cronin
Yes	Josh Hughes	West hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting
Yes	Lisa Fecke	New Britain	CT	Gaffney, Bennett
Yes	Lisa Fecke			
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR ENVIRONMENT
Yes	Kevin Sullivan - DEEP (Kevin Sullivan)	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP
Yes	Stephanie Compton	Baltimore	MD	Energy Justice Network
Yes	Ryan Bingham	Hartford	CT	Sullivan & LeShane, Inc.
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