

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020 CCSMM Coalition Mid-Point Meeting via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A
Next meeting: December 16, 2020, 1:00pm
Prepared by: Elizabeth Moore, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Co-chairs Katie Dykes, DEEP Commissioner, Laura Francis, First Selectman, Town of Durham and Matt Knickerbocker, First Selectman, Town of Bethel provided welcoming remarks, introductions, housekeeping rules and an overview of the CCSMM initiative process.

Commissioner Dykes also discussed the previous CCSMM Environmental Justice and Equity Meeting on October 28, 2020 and clarified the waste hierarchy preferences between waste to energy and landfilling options. Commissioner Dykes reiterated that the focus of this initiative is on scaling sustainable materials management options and alternatives to disposal.

II. Committee Reports

The tri-chairs provided an overview of the previous coalition meetings and extended their thanks to working group co-chairs, DEEP staff and participants.

DEEP staff and municipal working group representatives presented updates on past coalition meetings for all four working groups.

A panel composed of the following representatives presented on the Food Scraps/ Organics Collection and Diversion Working Group:

Robert Isner, Director, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, CT DEEP
Dave Aldrich, Executive Director, SCRRA
Katherine Bruns, Recycling Coordinator, West Hartford

A panel composed of the following representatives presented on the Increase Recycling Working Group:

Sherill Baldwin, Sustainable Materials Management, CT DEEP
Brain Bartram, Transfer Station Manager, Salisbury/ Sharon
Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator, Middletown

A panel composed of the following representatives presented on the Extended Producer Responsibility Working Group:

Matt Knickerbocker, First Selectman, Bethel
Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Sustainability and Compliance Office, Branford

Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator, Middletown
Lori Vitagliano, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority

A panel composed of the following representatives presented on the Unit Based Pricing Working Group:

Gabrielle Frigon, Assistant Director, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, CT DEEP
Elinor Carbone, Mayor, Torrington
Carl Fortuna, First Selectman, Old Saybrook

Commissioner Dykes also addressed the need for technical assistance, outreach, and funding for sustainable materials management programs and presented on Connecticut's Solid Waste Current and Alternative Funding Options.

III. Roundtable

Members discussed opportunities to provide municipal support for legislative options. COST, CCM and other regional groups were suggested as potential partners to gather municipal support. The Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act resolution in Mansfield was noted as a document which, if passed, will be brought forth to state legislators to show municipal support for the national legislation. Other discussion included the necessity of public education, implementation oversight and support for larger, urban municipalities and municipalities with substantial renter populations. The market for recyclables and contamination of recycling streams was also noted.

The tri-chairs discussed next steps, including upcoming working group meetings focused on legislative and individual municipal options to be included in the full menu of options.

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.

Debra Darby, Manager, Tetra Tech, noted that organics co-collection methods work well with unit based pricing programs. Lynne Bonnett questioned Connecticut's management of solid waste through the use of Volume Reduction Plants and where the state stands on addressing current Volume Reduction Plant practices and permitting.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:13pm

Attachment A

Robert Isner - DEEP (Robert Isner)
Elinor Carbone - Torrington (Elinor Carbone)
John Phillips - West Hartford (JohnPhillips)
Luke Bronin - Hartford (LukeBronin)

James Stewart - Naugatuck (jamesStewart)
Denise Raap - Litchfield (DeniseRaap)
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Katie Dykes - DEEP (Katie Dykes)
Jeffrey Beckham - CT OPM (JeffreyBeckham)
Todd Fontanella - WestCOG (ToddFontanella)
Paul Aresta - CT CEQ (PaulAresta)
Virginia Walton- Mansfield (VirginiaWalton)
KevinSullivan
Kevin Sullivan - DEEP (KevinSullivan)
Meghan Bard - DEEP (MeghanBard)
Sherill Baldwin - DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)
Caren Harder - DEEP (CarenHarder)
Aaron Budris - NVCOG (AaronBudris)
Jennifer Baum - HRRRA (JenniferBaum)
Patricia M Sesto - Greenwich (Patricia MSesto)
Barbara Bettigole - Salisbury/Sharon TS Advisory Committee (BarbaraBettigole)
David Capacchione - Killingly (DavidCapacchione)
Donna Hamzy Carroccia - CCM (DonnaHamzy)
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Carl Fortuna - Old Saybrook (carlFortuna)
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Jenn Weymouth - DEEP (Jennifer Weymouth)
Dwight Ryniewicz - Town of Vernon (DwightRyniewicz)
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Chris Lippke - Canterbury (chrislippke)
Bailey Talbott - North Stonington (BaileyTalbott)
Jean Speck - Kent (jeanspeck)
Janice - RiverCOG (janice RiverCOG)
Michael Looney - Hartford (MichaelLooney)
Matt Hart - Town of West Hartford (MatthewHart)
Stephen Dunn - Brookfield (StephenDunn)
Ron McDaniel - Montville (Ron McDaniel)
John Phetteplace - Stonington (JohnPhetteplace)
Pete Brunelli - DEEP (PeterBrunelli)
JessicaPaladino
LizConnelly

Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (Chelsey Hahn)
Russ Arnold - Farmington (RussellArnold)
Christine Cohen - CGA (ChristineCohen)
Betsey Wingfield - DEEP (Betsey Wingfield)
BertHunter
Raymond Drew - Torrington (RaymondDrew)
Laura Francis - Durham (Laura Francis)
KarlKilduff
Connie Manes - Kent (ConnieManes)
Marcia Leclerc - East Hartford (MarciaLeclerc)
Don Stein - First Selectman Barkhamsted (DonaldStein)
Lisa Marotta - Rocky Hill (LisaMarotta)
Mark Moriarty - New Britain (MarkMoriarty)
Kristen Brown - Waste Zero (kristenbrown)
Matt Knickerbocker - Bethel (Matt Knickerbocker)
Melissa Mack - Suffield (MelissaMack)
Ali Ghiorse - Greenwich Waste Mgmt Committee (AliGhiorse)
Yvonne Bolton - DEEP (Yvonne Bolton)
David Bodendorf - MIRA (DavidBodendorf)
Lori Vitagliano - Regional Water Authority (LoriVitagliano)
Kim O'Rourke - Middletown (KimO'Rourke)
Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Sharon TS (BrianBartram)
PeggyDiaz
Carl Amento - SCRCOG (CarlAmento)
Pamela Roach - SCRCOG (PamelaRoach)
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James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)
Dave Aldridge - SCRRRA (DaveAldridge)
Gabrielle Frigon - DEEP (Gabrielle Frigon)
Brianna DeVivo - Senator Murphy (BriannaDeVivo)
Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)
Carolyn Bayne - Darien Adv. Committee on Sustainability (CarolynBayne)
Tony Russell - DEEP (TonyRussell)
Katherine Bruns - West Hartford (KatherineBruns)
Jen Heaton-Jones - HRRRA Municipalities (JenniferHeaton-Jones)
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Will Healey - DEEP (WillHealey)
Laura Hoydick - Stratford (LauraHoydick)

Attendee Details

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John Phillips	West Hartford	CT	Town of West Hartford
Luke Bronin	Hartford	CT	City of Hartford
Ashley Muspratt	Northampton	MA	CET
james Stewart	Naugauck	CT	Borough of Naugatuck DPW
Denise Raap	Litchfield	CT	Town of Litchfield
Jeffrey Beckham	Hartford	CT	State Office of Policy and Management
Evan Dantos	Hartford	CT	RC
Evan Dantos			ED
Todd Fontanella	Sandy Hook	CT	Western Connecticut Council of Governments
April Regan	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & Recycling
Evan Bruning	Boston	MA	Serlin Haley LLP
Paul Aresta	Hartford	CT	CEQ
Virginia Walton	Storrs	CT	Town of Mansfield
Michael Noel	trumbull	CT	TOMRA
Kevin Sullivan	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP
Nicole Waxman	Washington, DC	DC	Beveridge & Diamond
Meghan Bard	Hartford	CT	CTDEEP
Caren Harder	Hartford	CT	DEEP
Aaron Budris	Waterbury	CT	NVCOG
Jennifer Baum	Brookfield	CT	HRRA
Rod McNeil	Milford	CT	AgCycle Power
Patricia M Sesto	Greenwich	CT	Town of Greenwich Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Comm.
Barbara Bettigole	Lakeville	CT	
David Capacchione	Killingly	CT	Town of Killingly
Josh Hughes	West Hartford	CT	Capitol consulting
Donna Hamzy	Hartford	CT	CCM
carl Fortuna	old saybrook	CT	UBP
Dwight Ryniewicz	Vernon	CT	Town of Vernon
chris lippke	canterebury	CT	TOWN OF CANTEERBURY
Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR ENVIRONMENT
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Mallory Daley	Old Saybrook	CT	Hughes & Cronin
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Brennan Georgianni	Washington	DC	Plastics Industry Association
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Matthew Hart	West Hartford	CT	Town of West Hartford
Stephen Dunn	Brookfield	CT	Town of Brookfield
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Peter Brunelli	Hartford	CT	Protection (CT DEEP)
Jessica Paladino	Norwalk	CT	City of Norwalk
Liz Connelly	Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting LLC
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Russell Arnold	Farmington	CT	Town of Farmington
Christine Cohen	Hartford	AL	CT General Assembly
John Pizzimenti	Enfield	CT	F & G LLC
Ashley Zane	Hartford	CT	CBIA
Marci Kinter	Fairfax	VA	PRINTING United Alliance
Bert Hunter	Stamford	CT	CT Green Bank
Raymond Drew	Torrington	CT	City of Torrington
Karl Kilduff - Clinton (Karl Kilduff)	Clinton	CT	Town of Clinton
			Land Trust Alliance / Litchfield Hills Greenprint
Connie Manes	Kent	CT	Collaborative / Kent Land Trust
Marcia Leclerc	East Hartford	CT	Town of East Hartford
Donald Stein	Barkhamsted	CT	Town of Barkhamsted
Gary Evans	Wethersfield	CT	Town of Wethersfield
Lisa Marotta	Rocky Hill	AL	Mayor
Mark Moriarty	New Britain	CT	Public Works
John sheerin	Washington	DC	USTMA
kristen brown	Murrells Inlet	SC	WasteZero
lynn bonnett	New Haven	AL	Greater New Haven Green Fund
James Woulfe	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC
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Karen Weeks	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Melissa Biggs	Dayville	CT	Dnb
Melissa Mack	Suffield	CT	Town of Suffield
Ali Ghiorse	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Waste Management Committee
Kelsey Wentling	Hartford	CT	Connecticut River Conservancy
David Bodendorf	Rocky Hill	CT	MIRA
Debra Darby	Gloucester	MA	Darby Marketing
Lori Vitagliano	New Haven	CT	Regional Water Authority

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Carl Amento	Hartford	CT	DEEP
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Dave Aldridge	Gales Ferry	AL	SCRRA
Sarah Kettenmann	New York	NY	Beveridge & Diamond
Kevin Spinella	new britain	CT	GBA
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Carolyn Bayne	Darien	CT	Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability
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Katherine Bruns	West Hartford	CT	Department of Public Works
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Jennifer Heaton-Jones	Brookfield	CT	Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority
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