

# Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2020 CCSMM Coalition Kick-Off Meeting via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A  
Next meeting: January 5, 2020, 1:00pm  
Prepared by: Elizabeth Moore and Chelsey Hahn, 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 presented an outline of the waste crisis as capacity for waste decreases in Connecticut and around the region in the coming years. The presentation featured opportunities for CCSMM initiatives to shape the future of sustainable materials management from environmental and economic perspectives.

### **II. Committee Reports**

Members from the working groups gave presentations on the experiences and solutions coming out of each of the four working group discussions. The presented options were focused on legislative, DEEP, and municipal opportunities to help the state rethink the value of materials, with investment in new programs and infrastructure to manage them.

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

Jenifer Heaton-Jones, Executive Director, HRRA  
Diana McCarthy Bercury, Sustainability and Compliance Office, Branford  
Chris Nelson, Sustainable Materials Management, CT DEEP  
Matt Knickerbocker, First Selectman, Bethel

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

Robert Isner, Director, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, CT DEEP  
Ron McDaniel, Mayor, Montville

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

Sherill Baldwin, Sustainable Materials Management, CT DEEP  
Ben Florsheim, Mayor, Middletown

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

Katie Dykes, DEEP Commissioner  
Danielle Cheesebrough, First Selectman, Stonington

The tri-chairs added additional comments to the working groups they co-chaired and noted interest in continued discussion to find consensus in suggested topics in order to work together to encourage legislators to adopt state-wide sustainable materials management practices. The chairs also noted the importance of local champions and the impacts of COVID-19 on implementing some of the suggested programs.

Commissioner Dykes presented on funding, specifically focused on expanding the solid waste assessment to apply to landfilled waste as well as construction and demolition waste. The presentation also noted potential spending options for working group initiatives if additional funding was secured.

### **III. Roundtable**

Members were interested in how to implement unit based pricing with the complicating factors of public acceptance, education, and political will. The 2012 Governor's Working Group to Modernize Recycling report was noted as a resource for unit based pricing. Discussion focused heavily on the impacts of unit based pricing implementation from the perspective of waste reduction and illegal dumping.

Municipal participants expressed enthusiasm for the range of presented opportunities and noted that it's clear there are possibilities that work to lead us toward a more sustainable materials management system, what is needed now is political support, infrastructure, and investment in those solutions.

Laura Francis and Matt Knickerbocker both expressed their thanks to all who participated in the CCSMM process and reiterated regional partnerships are key for making funding and legislative changes. Both stressed the need to fill out the forthcoming survey to demonstrate the desired focus of municipalities moving 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.

The received public comments and questions were asked by:

Julie Cammarata, Cammarata Government Affairs;  
Frazier Blaylock, Covanta Energy;  
Scott Kalb, Greenwich First Selectman's Waste Management Committee;  
Cyril May, Waterbury Public Works;  
Becky Bunnell, Fairfield SFTF; and  
Brian Sear, New London.

The public comments discussed: concern about possible bag contamination in organics processing; the availability of PowerPoint slides; food waste processing locations throughout the state to save money and

have a positive environmental impact; the desire for DEEP staff to facilitate regional groups to continue the discussions and work from the CCSMM working groups; a request to see the 20 mile radius of the Commercial Organics Recycling Law be removed or the mileage expanded further; a comment concerning whether the infrastructure or the scope of the Organics Law should “come first”; excitement for the effort; concern over political and financial will; whether commercial food waste generators could act “as a mini transfer station” where residential food waste could be dropped off to reduce transportation burdens; and agreement that we have the way and now need the will to implement these solutions.

## **V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm

Attachment A

### Host Details

Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)

### Panelist Details

Carl Amento - SCRCOG (Carl Amento)

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Matt Knickerbocker - Bethel (Matt Knickerbocker)

Edward Bailey - Middlefield (EdwardBailey)

Terri Christenson - Harwinton (TheresaChristenson)

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Caren Harder - DEEP (CarenHarder)

Sherill Baldwin - DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)

Patricia Sesto - Greenwich (Patricia MSesto)

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Bailey Talbott - North Stonington (BaileyTalbott)

Mary Isaac - Trumbull Sustainable Team (MaryIsaac)

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Christine Cohen - CGA (ChristineCohen)

DavidBodendorf

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DavidBodendorf

David Bodendorf - MIRA (DavidBodendorf)

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MelissaMack

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Yvonne Bolton - DEEP (Yvonne Bolton)

BrianSullivan

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Carol Bufithis Middlefield (CarolBufithis)  
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Scott Kalb - Greenwich (ScottKalb)  
Marcia Leclerc - East Hartford (MarciaLeclerc)  
Mriam Lifshitz-Theroux - Rocky Hill (MriamLifshitz-Theroux)  
Matt Fulda - MetroCOG (Matt Fulda)  
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Zach Giron - MetroCOG (Matt Fulda)  
GailDeutsch  
PeterBrunelli  
Peter Brunelli - DEEP (PeterBrunelli)  
Michael Bisi - Glastonbury (MichaelBisi)  
Dave Aldridge - SCRRRA (DaveAldridge)  
Rick Lynn - NHCOG (Rick Lynn)  
Donna Hamzy Carroccia - CCM (Donna Hamzy Carroccia)  
Betsey Gara - COST (Betsey Gara)  
Jan Spiegel - CT Mirror (JanSpiegel)  
Laura Francis - Durham (Laura Francis)  
Gabrielle Frigon - DEEP (Gabrielle Frigon)  
Michelle Knockwood - North Branford (MichelleKnockwood)  
Ed Mone - Thomaston (EdMone)  
Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu - Bristol (Mayor EllenZoppo-Sassu)  
Ali Ghiorse - Greenwich Waste Management Committee (AliGhiorse)  
Thomas Kirk - MIRA (ThomasKirk)  
MichaelPaulhus  
Patrick Skahill - CPR (PatrickSkahill)  
Diane Lauricella - Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition (DianeLauricella)  
Ben Florsheim - Middletown (Ben Florsheim)  
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Sherill Baldwin  
JoeGresko  
James Finch - Branford (JamesFinch)  
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DorindaBorer  
BrianSear  
Brian Sear - New London (BrianSear)  
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