

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2022 CCSMM Coalition Meeting via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A

Next meeting: TBA, Quarter 2, 2021

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I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting started at 1:00PM.

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 to date. The co-chairs also extended welcome to municipal officials who recently joined the coalition.

II. Committee Reports

Kat McCarthy, Center for Ecotechnology (CET) presented on the ReduceWasteCT initiative and Business Recycling Assistance Program.

Harrison Nantz, Legislative Liaison, CT DEEP and James Albis, Office Director, CT DEEP presented a 2022 Legislative Session Preview and a summary of the 2021 Legislative Session items related to Sustainable Materials Management. They discussed the solid waste agenda this year, including a 2022 legislative proposal for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging. Commissioner Dykes also commented on upcoming agenda items intended to secure funding for Sustainable Materials Management grant programs.

James Albis, Office Director, CT DEEP presented information concerning Bottle Bill updates, including the \$0.05 fee on miniatures, the retail Reverse Vending Machine (RVM) requirements, and the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program.

Chelsey Hahn, Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP presented on the Sustainable Materials Management grant program opportunities developed as a result of June Special Session, Public Act 21-2. The presentation discussed the Phase II application process as it currently stands.

Brent Madho, Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP presented solid waste permitting updates, including the issuance of a new food waste appendix (Appendix H) of the General Permit to Construct and Operate a Commercial Facility for the Management of Recyclable Materials and Certain Solid Wastes. The presentation also noted that the Department plans to reissue the General Permit for a Municipal Transfer Station this year.

Jonathan Fife, Smart Feed Tech, presented briefly on the food waste to animal feed processing project intended for operation in Berlin, CT. The Notice of Intent to Issue a Beneficial Use Determination Authorization to Smart Feed Tech for the Beneficial Reuse of Specific Food Wastes is currently available for [public comment](#).

The following municipal representatives presented municipal and regional project updates on :

Howard Weissberg, Director of Public Works, presented on Meriden's food waste co-collection pilot project.

Becky Bunnell and Tim Bezler, Sustainable Fairfield Task Force, presented on Fairfield's source-separated glass collection project.

Tammy Thornton, Wilton Go Green, presented on Wilton's award-winning waste diversion program in schools.

III. Roundtable

Members discussed the ReduceWasteCT initiative and opportunities to assist CET in efforts to reach businesses. The group also discussed the timeframe for implementation and the kinds of institutions that are eligible for technical assistance.

Members discussed the legislative session and implementation of tasks required as a result of Public Act 21-58. Questions included which committee will likely raise packaging EPR and if DEEP has draft language prepared at this time. Additional discussion included requests for more details on the checks from the sales of miniature bottles and if DEEP is considering waivers for RVM machine requirements.

The group asked a series of questions related to Meriden's food waste and municipal solid waste co-collection pilot program, including those related to timeline, costs, contamination, sharing of informational materials and promotion tactics, the type of collection system in Meriden, the breakage rate, and if the bags are made from post-industrial recycled content or compostable material. Howard Weissberg also received questions about the size of the bags, the tipping fees associated with the program and if the program can be profitable for the municipality.

CCSMM members asked about how best to provide feedback and comments on the General Permit for a Municipal Transfer Station and if the general permit will allow for composting of food at registered leaf composting sites. Additional discussion referenced home composting and selling home composting bins. A question regarding whether schools need a general permit to separate food waste was asked. Members also questioned how to make Unit-Based Pricing more appealing for municipalities.

A question about the types of animals that may consume the final products produced by Smart Feed Tech was asked.

Members asked the Fairfield presenters about their collection bin setup and if there are separate bins for glass collection. Additional questions included the cost of the program, what types of signage was used in the project and if there are funds available from DEEP for these types of bins/ containers. Jen Heaton-Jones offered to help any municipality start a glass collection program and asked interested towns to email her at Jennifer@hrra.org.

Tammy Thornton was asked about the Wilton school food composting/ diversion program destination of the composted material; other towns noted that they are collecting food scraps in their schools as well.

A CCSMM member suggested that these meetings are very helpful and would like to encourage more frequent meetings.

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.

No public comments were received.

V. Adjournment

The meeting closed with requests from Laura Francis and Matt Knickerbocker to let the coalition know if municipalities have implemented any additional projects related to sustainable materials management and a reiteration of the request that municipalities support extended producer responsibility for packaging this legislative session. The chairs also closed with a suggestion for municipal representatives to complete Sustainable CT action items.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00P.M.

ATTACHMENT A

Attendee Report

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Attended	User Name (Original Name)
Yes	Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)
Yes	Abigail Ellert (AbigailEllert)
Yes	AshleyMuspratt
Yes	Becky Bunnell Fairfield (BeckyBunnell)
Yes	Betsey Gara
Yes	Bill Watkins Town of Coventry (BillWatkins)
Yes	Brent Madho
Yes	Brian Bartram Salisbury/Sharon TS (BrianBartram)
Yes	Brian Sear City of New London (BrianSear)
Yes	Carl Amento- SCRCOG (Carl Amento)
Yes	Carl Fortuna (carlfortuna)
Yes	Carol Bufithis Middlefield Selectwoman (CarolBufithis)
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Yes	CatherineMatzul
Yes	Chelsey Hahn CT DEEP (she (Chelsey Hahn)
Yes	ChrisLippke
Yes	CJ May - Waterbury (CyrilMay)
Yes	DanColleluori
Yes	DavidSimpson
Yes	Denise Raap - First Selectman Litchfield (DeniseRaap)
Yes	Donna Hamzy Carroccia
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Yes	Elly Moore - CT DEEP (Elly Moore)
Yes	Gabrielle Frigon

Yes	GaryCatalano
Yes	Harry Nantz
Yes	Howard Weissberg
Yes	James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)
Yes	JamesBerardino
Yes	JaniceEhlemeyer
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Yes	JanicePlaziak
Yes	Jen Heaton-Jones
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Yes	Jennifer Baum - HRRRA (JenniferBaum)
Yes	Jennifer Perry_CT DEEP (Jennifer Perry)
Yes	Jennifer Weymouth - CTDEEP (she/hers) (Jennifer Weymouth)
Yes	joeDeRisi
Yes	JohnCottell
Yes	JohnPhetteplace
Yes	JohnPhillips
Yes	Jonathan Fife
Yes	Karen Schnitzer Coalition for Sustainable Cheshire (KarenSchnitzer)
Yes	Kat McCarthy
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Yes	Katie Dykes-DEEP (Katie Dykes)
Yes	Kim O'Rourke - Middletown (KimO'Rourke)
Yes	KristenBrown
Yes	Laura Francis-Durham (Laura Francis)
Yes	Mansfield -Virginia Walton (VirginiaWalton)
Yes	Mark Rizzo Town Of Vernon (MarkRizzo)
Yes	Marylisaac
Yes	Matt Fulda - MetroCOG (Matt Fulda)
Yes	Matt Knickerbocker - Bethel (Matt Knickerbocker)
Yes	MaureenNicholson
Yes	PamelaRoach
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Yes	PaulaCofrancesco
Yes	Peggy Diaz
Yes	Robert Isner DEEP (Robert Isner)
Yes	Ron McDaniel
Yes	Sherill Baldwin
Yes	Sherill Baldwin she/her CT DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)

Yes	Stacey Ohlmann Leitch Town of Groton
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Yes	Stephanie Bahramian (StephanieBahramian)
Yes	Tammy Thornton - Wilton Go Green (Tammy Thornton)
Yes	Tim Bezler - Fairfield SWRC (TimothyBezler)
Yes	TimothyBezler
Yes	ToddRolland
Yes	TomDeVivo
Yes	TomDeVivo
Yes	TomMetzner
Yes	WilliamO'Sullivan
Yes	Aaron Budris
Yes	Abigail Ellert
Yes	Abigail Sztein
Yes	Abigail Sztein
Yes	Andrew Droney
Yes	April Regan
Yes	April Regan
Yes	Ashley Muspratt
Yes	Barry ONell
Yes	Becky Bunnell
Yes	Bethany McWade
Yes	Bill Watkins
Yes	Bob Bessel
Yes	Bob Carlson
Yes	Breanna Case
Yes	Brian Bartram
Yes	Brian Sear
Yes	Brian Sullivan
Yes	carl fortuna
Yes	Carmen Holzman
Yes	Carol Bufithis
Yes	Carolyn Bayne
Yes	Catherine Matzul
Yes	Chris Lippke
Yes	Christine Beling
Yes	Christine O'Neill
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Yes	CRAIG LEROY
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Yes	Cyril May
Yes	Dan Colleluori
Yes	David Bodendorf
Yes	David Boomer
Yes	David Keeling
Yes	David Simpson
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Yes	Debra Darby
Yes	Denise Raap
Yes	Denise Raap
Yes	Gary Catalano
Yes	Gary Jones
Yes	george dews
Yes	Grady Brockway
Yes	Greg McCarron
Yes	Hillary Glass
Yes	Jake Thoennes
Yes	James Berardino
Yes	James Hutton
Yes	James Hutton
Yes	James Woulfe
Yes	Janice Ehlemeyer
Yes	Janice Plaziak
Yes	Jay Aronson
Yes	Jean Speck
Yes	Jean Speck
Yes	Jeff Martirano
Yes	Jennifer Baum
Yes	Jessica Paladino
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Yes	Jessica Paladino
Yes	Joe Canino
Yes	joe DeRisi
Yes	John Cottell
Yes	John DiCarlo# NVCOG
Yes	John Jolls
Yes	John Mehr
Yes	John Phetteplace
Yes	John Phillips
Yes	Jonathan Reiner

Yes	Josh Hughes
Yes	Julie Cammarata
Yes	Justin Williams
Yes	Kaelah Smith
Yes	Karen Schnitzer
Yes	Karen Weeks
Yes	Katherine Bruns
Yes	kevin spinella
Yes	Kim O'Rourke
Yes	Kimberly Neville
Yes	Krishna Winston
Yes	Krishna Winston
Yes	Kristen Brown
Yes	Kristi Vitelli
Yes	Linda Kowalski
Yes	Lisa Fecke
Yes	Lisa Marotta
Yes	Liz Connelly
Yes	lynn Sadosky
Yes	Marcia Kinter
Yes	Marilynn Cruz-Aponte
Yes	Mark Bobman
Yes	Mark Rizzo
Yes	Mary Hogue
Yes	Mary Isaac
Yes	Mary Vihstadt
Yes	Maureen Nicholson
Yes	Michael Maturo
Yes	Michelle Kopa
Yes	Mike Harder
Yes	Mike Martone
Yes	Molly Blessing
Yes	Nikki Waxman
Yes	Pamela Roach
Yes	Paula Cofrancesco
Yes	Peter Brunelli
Yes	Reagan Kenney
Yes	Robbie McLuckie
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Yes	Robert Brinton
Yes	Robin Newton

Yes	Sean Hughes
Yes	ssaunders
Yes	Stacey Leitch
Yes	Stacey Ohlmann Leitch Town of Groton
Yes	Stephanie Bahramian
Yes	susan Barney
Yes	Thomas DeVivo
Yes	Thomas DeVivo
Yes	Thomas Strahle
Yes	Tim Keeney
Yes	Timothy Bezler
Yes	Timothy Coon
Yes	Timothy O'Connor
Yes	Todd Rolland
Yes	Tom DeVivo
Yes	Tom Metzner
Yes	Virginia Walton
Yes	Wayne Pesce
Yes	William O'Sullivan