

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2022 CCSMM Coalition Meeting via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A
Next meeting: TBA, Quarter 3, 2022
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I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting started at 2:00PM.

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 tri-chairs also extended welcome to municipal officials who recently joined the coalition and announced the revival of the following three working groups: EPR; Organics Diversion and Unit Based Pricing (UBP); and Increase Recycling. Meetings will be organized by working group leads but all towns are encouraged to participate and attend. Commissioner Dykes noted that there will continue to be quarterly meetings of the full coalition.

II. Committee Reports

Harrison Nantz, Legislative Liaison, CT DEEP presented a summary of the 2022 legislative session, particularly focused on the items related to Sustainable Materials Management.

Chelsey Hahn, Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP presented on Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program opportunities as a result of funding made available by June Sp. Sess., Public Act No. 21-2 and Public Act No. 22-118. The presentation also provided an update regarding the current status of applications and how many municipalities applied for grant funding.

Kristen Brown, Vice President, WasteZero presented on the Meriden, CT food waste co-collection pilot project.

James Albis, Office Director, CT DEEP presented information concerning the Bottle Bill, including an update on the Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program.

The following municipal representatives shared municipal and regional project update plans for the \$0.05 fee on miniatures:

Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator, Middletown
John Phillips, Director of Public Works, West Hartford
Brian Sear, Director of Public Works, New London

Courtney Limberg, Deputy Director of Public Works, Manchester
Doug Colter, Assistant Building Official, West Haven
Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator, Mansfield
Denise Raap, First Selectman, Litchfield

Kat McCarthy, Project Manager, Center for Ecotechnology (CET) presented on opportunities for free waste and recycling assistance for Connecticut businesses.

Brent Madho, Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP presented solid waste permitting updates.

The following representatives presented municipal and regional project updates:

Robyn Nichols, CRCOG, presented on the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Program Diversion (SWAMPD) effort by CRCOG, including the competitive RFP process and the resulting consulting agreement with Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) as well as the next steps for evaluating disposal options for short term and long-term plans within the region.

Kim O'Rourke, Middletown shared a description of recent waste projects, including the Middletown coffee cup reuse program, home compost bin garden, and demonstration bin at the Reboot Eco, a new refill store in Middletown. The city is also working on getting their own bottle filler for events.

Doug Colter, West Haven, shared lessons learned after a year of municipal composting and next steps for the composting site in West Haven.

III. Roundtable

A series of municipal representatives shared planned projects and uses for the \$0.05 fee on miniatures as a result of Public Act 21-58. Some ideas included using the funds for: organic material collection; establishing programs to encourage reusable takeout containers and other reusable food service-ware; providing or enhancing waste collection opportunities in public locations; hiring and supporting new positions focused on litter-related issues; and promoting additional opportunities for recycling and organics collection. Some municipalities noted the need to ensure that the funds will be properly managed and used for litter reduction as required by Public Act 21-58.

Members discussed the Beverage Recycling Grant Program and whether municipalities are eligible to apply for municipally owned redemption centers. There was also discussion concerning the challenges of siting redemption centers, clarification regarding when big box stores will be required to have redemption capability, and if there are plans to add miniatures to the Bottle Bill.

Questions were asked concerning the timeline of the Sustainable Materials Management grant program and whether municipalities would be authorized to add food scraps to municipal leaf composting operations under the General Permit for a Municipal Transfer Station after it is renewed.

Representative Joseph Gresko noted that a plan for managing tires is expected next year. Representative Gresko also asked municipal leaders to suggest locations for interested redemption center operators if they have any sites that might be appropriate within their municipalities.

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.

Jen Heaton-Jones, Executive Director, HRRA noted that she is working in partnership with the tire industry to collect data from municipalities on reporting for tires. Interested municipalities should reach out to Jennifer@hrra.org

CJ May, Refuse/Recycling Coordinator, Waterbury, asked members to participate in the CT Recyclers Coalition and noted that the group is active on several social media platforms.

V. Adjournment

The meeting closed with the co-chairs reminding the group of upcoming dates and thanking the attendees for joining.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04P.M.

ATTACHMENT A

Attendee Report

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Todd Rolland
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Daniel McGowan
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John Jolls
Bill Watkins
Jenna Licursi
Liz Connelly
Samuel Alexander
Elizabeth Lunt

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Eva Fenningdorf
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Patty Szczys
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George Estrada
Anne Hunter
Mary Vihstadt
Vicki Brugnatelli
Abigail Ellert
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