

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2022 CCSMM Coalition Meeting via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A
Next meeting: TBA, Quarter 3, 2022
Prepared by: Elizabeth Moore, CT DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting started at 1:00PM.

DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes provided welcoming remarks.

II. Committee Reports

James Albis, Office Director, DEEP presented on the existing statutory authority to create regional waste authorities.

David Aldrich, Executive Director, SCRRA presented on the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority origins and current initiatives.

Jennifer Heaton-Jones, Executive Director, HRRRA presented on the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority origins and current initiatives.

III. Roundtable

Members discussed the authorization provided in the Connecticut General Statutes to create regional waste authorities. Presenters SCRRA and HRRRA responded to questions regarding their respective models and organizational structures. Questions were also received regarding perceived trepidation of municipalities in losing a sense of control over standard solid waste procedures and how regional waste authorities can address environmental justice. Other members asked about SCRRA's plan for a composting facility and regional waste authority support for unit-based pricing programs in general. The group also discussed resources for interested municipalities, including how to receive guidance from DEEP, Councils of Governments, and existing regional waste authorities.

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.

Bud McAllister, Partners in Caring Communities of New London, commented on the importance of composting efforts and asked if there's anything in the regional waste authority agreements that would prevent the creation of a recycling center in New London.

Joanna Wozniac-Brown, CT OPM asked about any local ordinances or agreements that have created any problems related to the consideration of organic diversion in municipalities.

V. Adjournment

The meeting closed with thanks from the two speakers.

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 P.M.

ATTACHMENT A

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Pauline	Yoder	Capitol Region Council of Governments
Stacey	Leitch	Town of Groton Public Works
Carolyn	Bayne	Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability
Denise	Raap	Town of Litchfield
Carl	Amento	South Central Regional Council of Governments
Brian	Bartram	Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station
Edward	Reagan	ssrra
Pamela	Roach	SCRCOG
Josh	Hughes	Capitol Consulting
Bill	Watkins	Town of Coventry Public Works Department
Lisa	Fecke	Gaffney, Bennett
Christine	O'Neill	Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
Robert	Phillips	Northwest Hills Council of Governments
Kristin	Clancy	Start up
Donna	Hamzy Carroccia	CCM
Reagan	Kenney	Capitol Consulting, LLC
Laura	Francis	South Central Region Council of Governments
Mary	Hogue	Sustainable Fairfield
Joanna	Wozniak-Brown	CT OPM
Lori	Vitagliano	RWA/HazWaste Central
Linda	Kowalski	The Kowalski Group
Diane	Lauricella	Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition
Jillaine	Dellis	Henkel
kristen	brown	WasteZero
Kris	Coperine	NatureWorks LLC

Brian	Paganini	Quantum Biopower
Janice	Plaziak	Town of Guilford
Christopher	Koehler	tetra tech
Cyril	May	Waterbury Public Works
Stephanie	Bahramian	Town of Bloomfield
Rebecca	Augur	OPM
Peter	Kramer	PURA
Daniel	Gorka	Veolia North America
Ashley	Zane	CBIA
Mike	Paine	Paine's Incorporated and NWRA
David	Simpson	City of Waterbury
James P.	Sandler	Hartford solid waste task force
John	Filchak	Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
Matt	Riiska	Town of Norfolk, Connecticut
Amanda	Kennedy	SCCOG
Janice	Ehlemeyer	RiverCOG
Sarah	Bloomquist	TOMRA
Margaret	Henderson	UU (Unitarian Universalists) Congregation of Danbury
john	sheerin	USTMA
Thomas	Swarr	Hartford SWTF
Carey	Duques	Town of Essex
Bud	McAllister	Partners in Healthy Communities
Sean	Hughes	Hughes and Cronin
Myra	Klockenbrink	Greenwich sustainability committee
David	Boomer	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Karen	Weeks	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Paul	Aresta	CEQ
Laura	Healey	Murphy Road Recycling

John	Whetton	Town of Stafford
Brian	Popovich	USA
Carl	Fortuna	Town of Old Saybrook
Tim	O'Connor	Park City Compost Initiative Inc
Joshua	Petro	South Central Regional Council of Governments
Paul	Catino	City of Bridgeport Dept of Pub Facilities
James	Albis	CT DEEP
Pauline	Yoder	CRCOG
Carolyn	Bayne	Darien Advisory Comm. on Sustainability
Denise	Raap	
Carl	Amento	
Pamela	Roach	SCRCOG
Peggy	Diaz	CT DEEP
Tom	Metzner	CT DEEP
Jennifer	Perry	CT DEEP
Gabrielle	Frigon	CT DEEP
Katie	Dykes	CT DEEP
Jennifer	Heaton-Jones	HRRA
David	Aldridge	SCRRA
Robert	Phillips	NHCOG
Aaron	Budris	NVCOG
Donna	Hamzy Carroccia	CCM
Laura	Francis	SCRCOG
Joanna	Wozniak-Brown	
Lori	Vitagliano	RWA/HazWaste Central
Jonathan	Luiz	
Diane	Lauricella	Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition
Janice	Plaziak	Guilford
Cyril	May	Waterbury
Peter	Kramer	PURA
James	Cosgrove	Branford
David	Simpson	Waterbury
James	P. Sandler	Hartford Solid Waste Task Force
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Thomas	Swarr	Hartford SWTF
Carey	Duques	Essex
Matt	Hart	
Paul	Aresta	CEQ
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