

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023 1:00pm via ZOOM

Present:	See Attachment A
Next meeting:	TBD
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I. Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting started at 1:00PM.

Katie Dykes, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) provided welcoming remarks, and noted Matt Knickerbocker, Wilton's Town Administrator, will be continuing as a co-chair for the Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM).

II. Committee Reports

Commissioner Dykes briefly presented on the origins of the CCSMM, the work completed by the group, and the current structure and opportunities for additional leadership in existing working groups.

Chris Nelson, Supervising Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP and Joe DeNicola, Senior Policy Analyst, CT DEEP, presented on the Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program.

Kim O'Rourke, Recycling Coordinator, Middletown described experiences with Middletown's Sustainable Materials Management Pilot Program.

Dan Colleluori, Stamford's Director of Recycling & Sanitation, presented on Stamford's grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to process implement a food scrap collection pilot program and process food scraps in machines placed around the city.

Jean Speck, Kent First Selectwoman, presented on the town of Kent's Sustainable Materials Management food scraps pilot program.

Nicholas Velseboer, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) shared CEQ has developed a survey asking municipalities about the use of funds received related to the sale of miniature alcohol bottles. CEQ will be sending the survey to municipalities in the coming days.

Chris Nelson presented background information on statutory requirements for municipalities to register haulers. Matt Hoey, Guilford First Selectman suggested registrations could be managed by the state and not by individual towns. Selectman Hoey noted he is working with COST/ CCM to talk about central hauler registration.

James Albis, Office Director, CT DEEP presented on the Bottle Bill Advisory Group.

Joe DeNicola shared a brief update on the Regional Waste Authority Grant Program.

III. Roundtable

Following presentations, attendees shared comments and questions.

Attendees asked questions about the market rates and dollar assumptions made by DEEP in modeling possible outcomes from the Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program.

Matt Hoey, Guilford First Selectman, stressed the importance of working with haulers to ensure the Sustainable Materials Management grant programs work with hauler business models. The Selectman shared some of the challenges of the Guilford and Madison programs.

Questions were asked about Middletown's Sustainable Materials Management program. Christine O'Neil, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, asked about enforcement efforts in Middletown. Denise Raap, Litchfield First Selectman, asked if the orange bags used in Middletown are compostable.

Questions were asked about the logistics of Stamford's EPA grant for Stamford's food scrap machine processors and collection program, including the pricing of the food scrap processing machines in Stamford, the product made by the food waste processing machines, as well as whether the food scrap machines de-bag and separate out contaminants.

Questions were asked about Kent's food scrap collection program logistics, including where Kent bought supplies for resident kits and whether the kits are free to residents. Jen Heaton-Jones, Executive Director of the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRA), explained where Kent and HRRA got the materials for their grant programs, including the countertop bins and bags. Another attendee asked if there were any issues with bears or other wildlife in the food scrap collection areas at the transfer station.

IV. Public Comments

Jean Speck shared her appreciation for the coalition and the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority.

Julie Deschamps, Waste Free Greenwich, asked about the future of the Sustainable Materials Management Grant Program.

V. Adjournment

Matt Knickerbocker closed the meeting.

Meeting ended at 3:10PM.

Attachment A.

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Maureen Nicholson
Luciana Granstrand - CT DEEP (Luciana Granstrand)
James Albis - CT DEEP (James Albis)
Jennifer Weymouth# CT DEEP (she/hers) (Jennifer Weymouth)
Brenna Toman
Katie Dykes-CT DEEP (Katie Dykes)
Emma MacDonald
Elly Moore
Sherill Baldwin# CT DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)
Chelsey Hahn - CT DEEP (She# Her# Hers) (Chelsey Hahn)
Laura Pointek
Harry Nantz
Jennifer Perry_CT DEEP (Jennifer Perry)
Tom Metzner CTDEEP (Tom Metzner)
Gabrielle Frigon CT DEEP (Gabrielle Frigon)
Tracy Babbidge
Joe DeNicola
Brent Madho - CT DEEP (Brent Madho)
Kim O'Rourke- Middletown (Kim O'Rourke)
Mike Manfre
Greg Lesco
Peter Ratkiewich# Westport DPW (Peter Ratkiewich)
Tony Manfre
Tony Manfre
Christine O'Neill

Lena Tan
Matt Knickerbocker - Wilton (Matt Knickerbocker)
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Peggy Lyons
Rachel Schnabel
Janice Plaziak
Kaelah Smith
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Virginia Walton
Lisa Marotta
Jennifer Heaton-Jones
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Pamela Roach
CJ May - Waterbury (Cyril May)
Bob Carlson
Paul Aresta
Tyler Bowne
ROBYN NICHOLS CRCOG (ROBYN NICHOLS)
John Cottell
Francis Brady CT Recyclers Coalition (Francis Brady)
Sam Saunders
Russ Arnold - Farmington (Russell Arnold)
Linda Orr-Torrington (Linda Orr)
Jennifer Baum-HRRA (Jennifer Baum)
Kevin Sullivan

Cesar Zapata
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chris lippke
Alice Kosowsky
Katherine Bruns West Hartford (Katherine Bruns)
Olivia Bissanti (olivia bissanti)
Patrick Roy - Roxbury (Patrick Roy)
Nicholas Velseboer
Suzanne Thompson
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Thomas Dougherty
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Danielle Chesebrough
Janice EhleMeyer
David Aldridge - SCRRA (David Aldridge)
Matt Hoey - Guilford (Matt Hoey)
Todd Rolland
Steven Winter
Steven Winter
Kristina Owren - Somers DPW (Kristina Owren)
Ray Harris
Todd Fontanella
Max Teirstein - City of New Haven (Max Teirstein)
Mark Bobman
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Jean Speck - Kent (Jean Speck)
JulieDesChamps

Maryellen Basham
joe DeRisi
kristen brown
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Dan Colleluori - Stamford (Dan Colleluori)
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Denise Raap
Kristin Clancy
Josh Hughes
Debra Darby
Tammy Thornton
Dan McGowan
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Christopher Antonacci
John Jolls
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Lou Muratore
Kevin Kranzler
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Daniel Pestrichello
Thomas Strahle

Mary Hogue
Jackie Caceci
John Sheerin
Joe Canino
Michelle Kopa
Hillary Glass
Ashley Zane
David Bodendorf
Megan Siegel
lorenzo macaluso
Susan Bush
Casey Larkins
Sean Moore
Lindsey Orr
Lisa Fecke
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Julie DesChamps
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Ethan Werstler
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Andrew Droney
Abigail Wiktorowski
joseph Gresko
John
Brian
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