

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023 Increase Reuse and Recycling Working Group Meeting

Present: See Attachment A
Next meeting: March 14, 2023 at 1:00 P.M.
Prepared by: Elizabeth Moore, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting began at 1:00pm.

Co-chairs Denise Raap, First Selectman, Town of Litchfield and Ben Florsheim, Mayor, City of Middletown provided welcoming remarks, introductions, housekeeping rules and an overview of the Increase Reuse and Recycling Working Group.

II. Committee Reports

A poll was conducted to determine topics for the next Increase Recycling and Reuse Working Group meeting.

Sherill Baldwin, Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP introduced the topic and provided an overview of common materials found in school waste streams.

A panel composed of the following representatives presented on School Cafeteria Programs:

Katherine Breer Bruns, Recycling Coordinator, West Hartford presented on West Hartford's food scrap composting program.

Kyle Harris, Science Teacher at Litchfield High School presented on Litchfield High School's food scrap diversion program.

Tammy Thorton, President, Wilton Go Green and Chair, Zero Waste Schools Coalition presented on Wilton's Efforts/Initiatives of Schools in the Zero Waste Schools Coalition.

Heather Billings, Senior Waste Reduction Consultant, Center for EcoTechnology (CET) presented on CET Resources for Schools.

III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A with the panelists. Members were interested in Center for Ecotechnology educational materials and costs of food scrap programs in schools. Additional questions involved how students can assist in developing cafeteria programs.

Members asked if DEEP could supply information on best practices for food scrap collection in schools. Others asked if DEEP collects data from schools and suggested state implementation of voluntary food scrap reporting for schools.

Other members asked about existing food scrap processing infrastructure and how to join the zero-waste coalition. There were also questions regarding financial findings and hauling fees as well as suggestions for possible funding options.

V. Adjournment

Many members were interested in continued discussion of the topic and implementation of food scrap collection programs in schools and more broadly. The co-chairs indicated additional time would be spent on the topic of food scrap diversion in future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

Attachment A.

First Name	Last Name	Organization	Job Title
Emma	MacDonald	Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	Environmental Analyst
Kevin	Spinella	gba	lobbyist
Delia	Fey	NECCOG	Senior Regional Planner
Denise	Raap	Town of Litchfield	First Selectman
Lisa	Fecke	Gaffney, Bennett	Lobbyist
Theresa	Christenson	Town of Harwinton	Recycling coordinator
Katie	Schlick	NVCOG	Environmental Planner
Jennifer	Baum	HRRA	Recycling Coordinator
Laura	Francis	South Central Region Council of Governments	Deputy Director/Director of Transportation Planning
Bill	Watkins	Town of Coventry Public Works Department	Director of Public Works
Ashley	Zane	CBIA	Government Affairs
Diane	Lauricella	Norwalk Zero Waste Coalition	Organizer
Reagan	Kenney	Capitol Consulting, LLC	Lobbyist
Josh	Hughes	Capitol Consulting	Lobbyist
Sam	Saunders	Public Works	Recycling/Refuse Coordinator
Richard	Eldridge	TALK	Co chair talk environment committee
Mary	Hogue	Sustainable Fairfield	member
Linda	Orr	City of Torrington	MSW/Recycling Coordinator
Stacey	Leitch	Town of Groton Public Works	Supervisor
Pamela	Roach	SCRCOG	Consultant
Christine	O'Neill	Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments	Regional Environmental Planner
Katherine	Bruns	Department of Public Works	Recycling Coordinator
Kim	Hunter	Center for EcoTechnology	Project Manager
Francis	Brady	Solid Waste Committee - Madison	Committee Member
Sarah	Nickerson	Tompkins County Recycling and Materials Management	Communications Coordinator
Matthew	Knickerbocker	Town of Wilton	Town Administrator
Kevin	Sullivan	CT DEEP	Supervising Environmental Analyst

Robyn	Nichols	CRCOG	Principal Program Manager - Municipal Services
Joseph	Canino	Sullivan & LeShane Inc.	Legislative Associate
Andrew	Droney	HRO	Policy Analyst
Mary	Beyer	Music for Youth, Inc	Commissioner Solid Waste and Recycling Regional Municipal Services
Drew	Baklik	NVCOG	Director
Kalyn	Docchio	Sustainable Essex	Volunteer
Liz	Connelly	Capitol Consulting LLC	Lobbyist
Jennifer	Heaton-Jones	HRRA	Executive Director
Paige	Wilson	NH Department of Environmental Services	Waste Reduction & Diversion Planner
Zach	Dendas	Sullivan & LeShane temporary waste sustainability agency	Gov Affiars
Russell	Asklof	Darien Advisory Committee on Sustainability	member
Carolyn	Bayne	Town of South Windsor	Chairman
Tony	Manfre		Superintendent Air Pollution Control Engineer
Lidia	Howard	CTDEEP	
Jean	Cronin	Hughes & Cronin	President
Bob	Bessel	Town of Canton	First Selectman
Kristin	Clancy	Changes Resource Recycling Advisory Commission	Owner
Krishna	Winston	Litchfield Public Schools	Chair
Kyle Harris (Litchfield Public Schools)			Teacher
Robert	Martin	Town of Canton	Director of Public Works
Tammy	Thornton	Wilton Go Green	President
Kathleen	Finnegan	Town of Darien	Advisory Committee on Sustainability
Anne Marie	Hunter	Sustainable Southbury.org	Board member
Helen	Simko	SMART Task Force, Litchfield CT Simsbury Sustainability Committee	Member
Mark	Scully		Chair
Ieke	Scully	Solectran LLC	property manager
Andrew	O'Brien	Simsbury Public Schools	Director of Operations
heather	billings	Center for EcoTechnology	waste reduction consultant
Sean	Hughes	Hughes and Cronin Ellington Public Works Department	Consultant Superintendent of Operations
Tom	Modzelewski		
Laura	Pointek	DEEP	Environmental Analyst
carl	fortuna	Town of Old Saybrook CT Office of the Attorney General	First Selectman
Kaelah	Smith		AAG

Mike	Manfre	Sanitation	Superintendent
Joe	DeRisi	town of hamden	recycling coordinator
Jorge	Garcia	Bridgeport Public Schools	Director of Building Operations
Michael	Zirkel	Bridgeport Public Schools Partners in Healthy Communities	Operations Manager (Trades)
Bud	McAllister		President/ Founder Waste Reduction Consultant
Lisa	Pellegrino	Center for EcoTechnology North Branford Solid/Hazardous Waste and Recycling Committee	
Thomas	Scelfo		Vice Chairperson
Brenna	Toman	CT DEEP	Environmental Analyst
Brian	Sear	City of New London Tompkins County Recycling & Materials Management	Public Works Director Waste Reduction & Recycling Coordinator
Kat	McCarthy		
Kris	Coperine	NatureWorks LLC	Circular Economy Specialist
Linda	Kowalski	The Kowalski Group	Government Relations
Tim	O'Connor	Park City Compost Initiative	ED
Mary	Isaac	Sustainable Trumbull	Trumbull Town Council
Christine	Beling	USEPA New England	Project Engineer
Raymond	Drew	City of Torrington	Public Works Director
Donna	Hamzy Carroccia	CCM	CSO
Virginia	Walton	Town of Mansfield	Recycling Coordinator
Doug	Colter	City of West Haven	Grants Coordinator
Cesar	Zapata	Town of East Hartford	Solid Waste Official
Coryanne	Mansell	CET	Client Services Strategist Director of Sustainability, Science Teacher
Kerry	Linderoth	Rye Country Day School	
Susan	Olson	Citizens Climate Lobby	retired
Jennifer	Weymouth	CT DEEP	Environmental analyst
Eleanor	Blomstrom	NA	NA Deputy Director Public Works
Courtney	Lindberg	Town of Manchester	
Julie	DesChamps	Waste Free Greenwich	Founder
Elizabeth	Moore	CT DEEP North Stratfield Elementary School	Environmental Analyst
Courtney	Radosavljevic	New Haven Leon Sister City Project	Green Team Head
Chris	Schweitzer	CREC Glastonbury East Hartford Magnet School	Director Pk-5 Inquiry Specialist & Green Leaf Leader
Terry	Wilson		
Diane	Geisert	Food Rescue US	Sustainability Liaison

		TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION	
Robert	Wadley	Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station	environmental scientist
Brian	Bartram		Transfer Station Manager
Helana	Hoover-Litty	Sustainable Southbury Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station Recycling Advisory Committee	Volunteer
Barbara	Bettigole		Chair
Erin	Livensparger	Fire Ring Farm, LLC	Director
Tiffany	Carlson	Town of Ridgefield	Recycling Coordinator
Kim	O'Rourke	City of Middletown CT	Recycling Coordinator
Valerie	Becker	Sustainable Southbury	member
Lori	Martin	Haven's Harvest	ED
Linda	Cortright	resident	resident
Amanda	Ingrassia	NSS Green Team	Co leader of Green Team
Irene	Weiss	LWV of Southeastern CT Sustainable Killingworth and Killingworth Conservation Commission	Board Member
Roslyn	Reeps		N/A
Scott	Burns	Park City Compost	Chair
Ben	Florsheim	City of Middletown	Mayor
Michael	Aitkenhead	Weston High School Haven's Harvest Food Rescue	Teacher
Mandy	Nurge	Delivery	volunteer
Tim	Houlton	RSD17	Gifted & Talented Coordinator
Deborah	Greig	Common Ground HS/New Haven Ecology Project	Farm Director
Justin	Kaput	Suffield Public Schools	Teacher
Stephanie	Bahramian	Town of Bloomfield	Environmental Planner
Meghann	McKale	Fairfield Public Schools	Green Team Leader
Dan	Colleluori	City of Stamford	Supervisor of Recycling & Sanitation
Sarah	Motta	Branchville PTA League of Women Voters	Green Team co-chair Retired. Climate
Mary Ellen	Doblecki	Southeastern CT	Cmte, LWVSECT
Andre	Villasenor	EPA	EPS
Brad	Weeks	The Kowalski Group, LLC	Government Relations
Sara	Conner	Sustainable Deep River	Chair
robert	isner	self	citizen
Alice	Kosowsky	Solid Waste & Recycling Commission, Hamden	Chairperson
Anne	Schmidt	Conservation Commission, Town of Groton	Commissioner

Kathleen	McFadden	League of Women Voters	Volunteer
Tom	Metzner	Connecticut DEEP	Analyst
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			Co-leader, Zero Food Waste
Pippa Bell	Ader	Sustainable Westport	Challenge
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			Environmental Analyst
Annette	Coste	DEEP	Trainee
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			Municipal Contract
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B	Robbins	NA	NA
Mallory	Daley	Hughes & Cronin	Lobbyist
			Refuse/Recycling
Cyril	May	Waterbury Public Works	Coordinator