

# Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023 Increase Reuse & Recycling Working Group Meeting

Present: See Attachment A  
Next meeting: May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00pm  
Prepared by: Emma MacDonald, DEEP

### **I. Call to Order and Announcements**

Meeting began at 1:02pm.

Co-Chairs Ben Florsheim, Mayor of Middletown, and Denise Raap, First Selectwoman of Litchfield provided welcoming remarks, introductions, housekeeping rules and an overview of the Increase Reuse & Recycling Working Group as part of the CCSMM initiative process.

### **II. Presentations**

#### Federal Updates:

Christine Beling, Project Engineer, US EPA, Region 1 presented on EPA's Food Waste Hierarchy: understanding the top of the pyramid.

Jennifer England, Head of Partner Development, Food Rescue Hero presented on Food Donation Improvement Act of 2021: What it Means for Food Recovery.

#### Community Initiatives to Waste Less Food:

Krishana Abraham-Petrie, Project Staff, Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) presented on End Food Waste Initiative Program in East Boston, Massachusetts.

Andrea Collins, Senior Specialist, Sustainability Food systems, Natural Resources Defense Council presented on NRDC's "Save the Food" campaign and "Food Matters" Project.

#### Business Tax Incentives:

Heather Latino, Clinical Instructor, Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation, Harvard Law School presented on Federal Tax Incentives for Food Donations.

#### Food Recovery and Community Food Rescue:

Haley Schulman, Site Coordinator, Food Rescue US presented on Impact of Food Rescue US in CT, how municipalities can support their work.

Lori Martin, Executive Director, Haven's Harvest presented on Impact of Haven's Harvest in CT, how municipalities can support their work.

Sophie DeBode, Clinical Student, Food Law and Policy Clinic, Hartford Law School presented on Municipal Ordinances to Reduce Food Waste and Incentivize Food Recovery.

Sherill Baldwin, Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP presented on CT Legislative Update on Waste Reduction and Food Recovery.

### **III. Roundtable & Public Comment**

Q&A was opened up to the group.

Attendees asked the speakers about potential for a national food labeling law, the breadth of influence of the Food Donation Improvement Act, food waste reduction education/outreach, over-purchasing of food in schools, the money-saving potential of food recovery, and more.

### **V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Appendix A.

Attendees:

Alecia Andrews
Alexa Sosa
Alice Smith
Allison Allen
Andrea Collins - NRDC (she/her)
Anne Marie Hunter
April Clayton
Barbara Bettigole
Ben Florsheim - Middletown
Bill Watkins
Blanche Tucker
Brenna Toman
Brian Popovich
Brian Sear
Carl Fortuna
Carolyn Bayne
Cesar Zapata
Chelsey Hahn
Chris Lippke
Christine Beling - USEPA New England
Christine O'Neill
CJ May - Waterbury
Connie Mendolia
Courtney Lindberg
Courtney Radosavljevic
Cyril May
David Aldridge
Deborah Greig
Denise Raap
Diane Lauricella
Donnie Therkildsen
Dr Bud McAllister
Drew Baklik - NVCOG
Elizabeth Moore
Emma MacDonald
Ethan Werstler
Francis Brady - Madison / Guilford
Gary Drucker

Gately Ross
Greg McCarron
Haley Schulman
Heather Latino - Harvard FLPC (she/her)
Helen Simko
Ian McDonald
Jackie Caceci
Jackson Somers
Janice Ehlemeyer
Jean Speck
Jennifer Baum - HRRRA
Jennifer England
Johanna Snyder
John Cottell
Kaelah Smith
Karin Isner
Katherine Bruns
Kim O'Rourke
Krishana Abraham-Petrie (she/her)
Krishna Winston
Kristin Clancy
Laura Pointek
Lidia Howard
Linda Talbott
Lisa Marotta
Liz Sawyer
Lori Martin - Haven's Harvest (she/her)
Lori Vitagliano
Lorraine Grant
Luciana Granstrand - CT DEEP
Malaine Trecocke
Mara Shulman
Mark Moriarty
Mark Scully
Mary Hogue
Maryellen Basham
Matt Hoey
Mike Manfre
Misty Beyer
Nicholas DiVito - Center For Ecotechnology
Paige Silva

Patrick Grasso
Patty Szczys
Robert Isner
Ryan OHalpin
Sabina Shelby
Sam Saunders
Sherill Baldwin - CT DEEP
Sophie DeBode
Stacey Leitch
Stefanie Weaver
Susan Barney
Susan Eastwood
Susan Harris
Tammy Thornton
Tiffany Carlson
Tori Oto
Tudor Ionescu
Virginia Walton - Mansfield