

# Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

July, 2021 CCSMM Coalition Meeting via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A

Next meeting: TBA, Quarter 3, 2021

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### I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting started at 1:02PM.

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. The co-chairs also extended welcome to municipal officials who recently joined the coalition.

### II. Committee Reports

Harrison Nantz, Legislative Liaison, CT DEEP presented a 2021 Legislative Overview.

Jen Heaton Jones, Executive Director, Housatonic Resource Recovery Authority presented on next steps for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Connecticut.

Katie Dykes, DEEP Commissioner presented on grant opportunities as a result of June Special Session, Public Act 21-2 (Sections 288 and 308(b)(33)) as well as the launch of a Bottle Bill stakeholder process as a result of Public Act 21-58. Information concerning the Bottle Bill stakeholder process to discuss redemption center funding and the Bottle Bill modernization legislation can be found [here](#).

Laura Francis, First Selectman, Town of Durham presented briefly on efforts to study if funding from the American Rescue Plan Act can be used for regional and municipal waste efforts. She also encouraged municipalities to seek funding from Sustainable CT.

Jen Heaton-Jones presented on RecycleCT updates, including the new RecycleCT Wizard search tool expanding to include an app, the School Recycling grant and the CCSMM Learning Series event on July 28, 2021 at 1PM [Recycling Resources to Educate and Engage Residents](#).

Abigail Ellert, Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP presented on Current Authorization Pathways for Food Waste Management. The food waste permitting table from this presentation is located on the DEEP website [here](#). For additional assistance, please email Frank Gagliardo at [frank.gagliardo@ct.gov](mailto:frank.gagliardo@ct.gov) or Kevin Barrett at [kevin.barrett@ct.gov](mailto:kevin.barrett@ct.gov).

Carl Amento and Pam Roach, South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) presented on developing regional food waste/ composting infrastructure.

Doug Coulter, West Haven presented on a new food waste in leaf composting project in the City of West Haven.

Brian Bartram, Sharon/ Salisbury presented on the food waste collection pilot project at the Salisbury/ Sharon transfer station.

Kim O’Roarke, Recycling Coordinator, Middletown presented on Middletown’s Feed the Earth program, focused on collection of food waste in the commercial sector in Middletown as well as the satellite drop-off food waste location in Middletown.

Dave Aldrich, SCRRA presented on a pilot program at Stonington transfer station involving aerated static composting piles.

Rashi Akki, Founder & CEO, AG-GRID Energy presented on AG-GRID On-Farm Dairy Anaerobic Digester projects in Connecticut.

Chelsey Hahn, Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP and Chris Nelson, Supervising Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP reminded the attendees of the upcoming and ongoing [CCSMM learning series](#), the Solid Waste Advisory Committee ([SWAC](#)) meetings, the CTRcyclers Listserv and CT Municipal Recycling Coordinator Newsletter. Email [Sherill.Baldwin@ct.gov](mailto:Sherill.Baldwin@ct.gov) to join the listserv and receive the newsletter.

### **III. Roundtable**

Members discussed the logistics of the grant programs and Bottle Bill updates as a result of June Special Session, Public Act 21-2 (Sections 288 and 308(b)(33)) and Public Act 21-58. Commissioner Dykes shared that the Department is hoping to have more clarity on the logistics of the grant programs by August and will be seeking input from stakeholders. Municipal leaders expressed interest in the grant programs and requested that money be made available for implementation of programs as well as technical assistance to develop and plan programs. Commissioner Dykes expressed continued support for enabling additional grant funding in the future.

Members discussed the logistics of the plastic bag ban in Connecticut. DEEP Deputy Commissioner Betsey Wingfield noted the hope that peer pressure drives a response from businesses and corporations. Plastic bag-related complaints should be directed to managers of stores as well as the Department at the Waste Engineering Enforcement Division’s COMPASS (Compliance Assistance) line at (888) 424-4193.

Members discussed Sustainable CT crowdfunding as well as RecycleCT grant programs. Other questions were raised regarding an EPA grant for regional biodigestors as well as plans to handle waste as the transition occurs with the closing of the Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) facility in 2022.

Members discussed food waste and leaf composting programs, transfer station collection opportunities, collection of commercial sector food waste, municipal composting successes and on-farm anaerobic digesters.

Commissioner Dykes discussed the idea of a “cohort approach” to technical assistance in which CT DEEP will work with multiple municipalities at once on specific waste focus areas as well as the need for continued discussion of waste reduction-related legislation priorities for CCSMM municipalities in the next legislative session. State Representative Joseph Gresko commented on a variety of legislative projects and efforts that both passed and failed to pass this past legislative session.

#### **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 discussed economic development and the importance of shifting our conversation to work with UCONN researchers on economic opportunities as well as urging members to look at Citizens Climate Lobby carbon fee initiatives and noting that reducing carbon in the atmosphere reduces the price of healthcare.

Russ Arnold, Farmington asked about the short term plan to handle the solid waste while the transition at MIRA takes place. Commissioner Dykes noted that MIRA has contracts and obligations and will continue to perform materials management services throughout the duration of contracts. CCSMM is intended to scale up sustainable materials management options as MIRA capacity comes offline. Commissioner Dykes also noted that efforts are underway to scale up these diversion and source reduction strategies to manage this transition and that new capacity is coming online to help manage waste in our state, including organics processing infrastructure. Other questions should be directed to MIRA.

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting closed with links to signup for constant contact updates [here](#), participate in Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meetings signup [here](#), contact [sherill.baldwin@ct.gov](mailto:sherill.baldwin@ct.gov) to sign up for the CTRecyclers Listserv and the CT Municipal Recycling Coordinator Newsletter, and email [chris.nelson@ct.gov](mailto:chris.nelson@ct.gov) to join the coalition.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Appendix A.

Attendee Report  
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