

# Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2020 Unit Based Pricing Working Group via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A  
Next meeting: November 23, 2020, 9:00am  
Prepared by: Elizabeth Moore, DEEP

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

Meeting started at 1:30pm.

Katie Dykes, DEEP Commissioner provided welcoming remarks, introductions, housekeeping rules and an overview of the Unit Based Pricing Working Group as part of the CCSMM initiative process.

### **II. Committee Reports**

Gabrielle Frigon, CT DEEP introduced a panel composed of the following representatives for a facilitated discussion on unit based pricing implementation approaches:

Dave Aldrich, Executive Director, Southeastern Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority

Kristen Brown, Vice President, Waste Reduction Strategy, Waste Zero presented on National and International UBP Highlights and Regional and Statewide UBP Options for Connecticut

John Phetteplace, Director of Solid Waste and Recycling, Stonington

### **III. Roundtable**

Working group discussion focused on potential pathways for unit based pricing implementation, including: individual municipal implementation; regional models; waste-to-energy facility-led; and statewide pathways. Members were interested in potential hauler adjustments under unit based pricing systems, reduction of waste in carts vs. bag-based systems and experiences with tonnage reduction in Stonington.

Discussion also focused on a comparison of program logistics of carts vs. bag-based systems, cost comparisons for co-collection processing and ordinance changes required to implement unit based pricing programs in subscription and non-subscription communities. Additional scaled fee options for those who use transfer stations more frequently were also mentioned, but no speakers were aware of any municipality using such a system.

The group compared municipal and subscription hauler, third party program options for rates, collection systems and compliance. Hauler concerns and considerations were also noted. Members discussed organics collection and composting, including co-collection options and infrastructure. The group also

discussed environmental justice considerations for unit based pricing programs. Packaging EPR was noted as a complementary program to unit based pricing. The meeting also focused on myths and misconceptions surrounding unit based pricing programs and opportunities to address these concerns.

Other discussion included next steps, including upcoming meeting dates and the intent of the menu of options in synthesizing working group discussions. Commissioner Dykes also commented on the environmental justice meeting on October 28, 2020 in response to questions for clarification on the waste hierarchy which ranks waste to energy as preferable to landfilling.

#### **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.

Mike Paine, Paine’s Incorporated and NWRA, commented that Paine’s Hauling Company is not opposed to volume based fees and that many hauling companies are already doing volume based fee assessing, including Paine’s. He believes that changing to unit based pricing systems would ultimately reduce the waste collected, but there are significant issues to be addressed to make sure that any implementation is effective, including education and monitoring.

#### **V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:04pm

Attachment A.

Yes	Chris Nelson - DEEP (Chris Nelson)			
Panelist Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)			
Yes	Matt Knickerbocker - Bethel (Matt Knickerbocker)			
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Yes	Dave Aldridge - SCRRRA (Dave Aldridge)			
Yes	Cherry Liley - Litchfield SMART task force (CherryLiley)			
Yes	Diana McCarthy- Bercury			
Yes	JenniferKleindienst			
Yes	Brent Madho - DEEP (BrentMadho)			
Yes	James Hayden - Town of East Granby (JamesHayden)			
Yes	Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (Chelsey Hahn)			
Yes	Lesley Barewin - NVCOG (LesleyBarewin)			
Yes	Yvonne Bolton - DEEP (Yvonne Bolton)			
Yes	Jerry Geci - SMART Task Force in Litchfield (JerryGeci)			
Yes	David Bodendorf - MIRA (DavidBodendorf)			

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Yes	Gabrielle Frigon - DEEP (Gabrielle Frigon)			
Yes	Katie Dykes - DEEP (Katie Dykes)			
Yes	Denise Raap - Litchfield (DeniseRaap)			
Yes	Katherine Bruns - W. Hartford (KatherineBruns)			
Yes	Chris Lippke - Canterbury (chrislippke)			
Yes	Terri Christenson - Harwinton (TerriChristenson)			
Yes	Jennifer Weymouth			
Yes	Jenn Weymouth - DEEP (Jennifer Weymouth)			
Yes	LisaMarotta			
Yes	Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Sharon TS (BrianBartram)			
Yes	Edward Bailey - Town of Middlefield (EdwardBailey)			
Yes	Todd Fontanella - WestCOG (ToddFontanella)			
Yes	Scott Kalb - Greenwich Waste Management Committee (ScottKalb)			
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer - RiverCOG (janice RiverCOG)			

Yes	Pamela Roach - SCRCOG (PamelaRoach)			
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Yes	Sherill Baldwin - DEEP (Sherill Baldwin)			
Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (Elly Moore)			
Yes	DavidCapacchione			
Yes	Robert Isner - DEEP (robertisner)			
Yes	Aaron Budris (NVCOG) (AaronBudris)			
Yes	Sally Katz - Wethersfield (SallyKatz)			
Yes	Jen Heaton-Jones - HRRR (Jen Heaton-Jones)			
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Yes	Paul Kundzins - Torrington (PaulKundzins)			
Yes	Helen Simko - SMART Task Force of Litchfield (HelenSimko)			
Yes	PaulAresta			
Yes	Paul Aresta -CT CEQ (PaulAresta)			
Yes	Kristen Brown- Waste Zero (Kristen Brown)			
Yes	TONYMANFRE			
Yes	Karl Kilduff - Clinton (KarlKilduff)			
Attendee Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)	City	State/Province	Organization
Yes	Craig Leroy	West Hartford	CT	Roy & Leroy
Yes	Cherry Liley	Litchfield	AL	Litchfield SMART task force
Yes	Josh Hughes	West Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting

Yes	Jennifer Kleindienst	Middletown	CT	Wesleyan University
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Yes	Karen Weeks	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	Brent Madho	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP
Yes	James Woulfe	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC
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Yes	James Hayden	East Granby	CT	Town of East Granby
Yes	Lesley Barewin	Waterbury	CT	NVCOG
Yes	Steven Changaris	Auburn	MA	CT Chapter, Nat'l Waste & Recycling Assoc
Yes	April Regan	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & Recycling
Yes	Eric Fredericksen	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & recycling
Yes	Jerry Geci	Litchfield	CT	SMART Task Force in Litchfield
Yes	David Bodendorf	Rocky Hill	CT	MIRA
Yes	Mike Paine	Simsbury	CT	Paine's Incorporated and NWRA
Yes	Denise Raap	Litchfield	CT	Town of Litchfield
Yes	Linda Kowalski	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	Katherine Bruns	West Hartford	CT	Department of Public Works
Yes	chris lippke	canterebury	CT	TOWN OF CANTEERBURY
Yes	Terri Christenson	Harwinton	CT	Town of Harwinton
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR
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Yes	Lisa Marotta - Rocky Hill (Lisa Marotta)	Rocky Hill	CT	Town
Yes	Brian Bartram	salisbury/sharon	CT	Salisbury/Sharon Transfer Station
Yes	Mike Ewall	Philadelphia	PA	Energy Justice Network
Yes	Edward Bailey	Middlefield	CT	Town of Middlefield
Yes	Todd Fontanella	Sandy Hook	CT	Western Connecticut Council of Governments
Yes	Scott Kalb	Greenwich	CT	First Selectman's Waste Management Committee
Yes	dave wilson	Litchfield	CT	litchfield wpca
Yes	Michael Bzdyra	Hartford	CT	Murtha Cullina LLP
Yes	janice RiverCOG	Essex	CT	RiverCOG
Yes	Pamela Roach	North Haven	CT	SCRCOG
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Yes	kevin spinella	new britain	CT	Gaffney bennett and assoc
Yes	John Pizzimenti	Enfield	CT	F & G LLC
Yes	Brian Freeman	Hartford	CT	Robinson+Cole
Yes	David Capacchione - Killingly (David Capacchione)	Killingly	CT	Town of Killingly

Yes	robert isner	hartford	CT	deep
Yes	Aaron Budris	Waterbury	AL	NVCOG
Yes	Sally Katz	Wethersfield	AL	Town of Wethersfield
Yes	Paul Kundzins	Torrington	CT	City of Torrington
Yes	Helen Simko	Litchfield	CT	SMART Task Force of Litchfield, CT
Yes	Liz Connelly	Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting LLC
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Yes	Paul Aresta	Hartford	CT	CEQ
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Yes	TONY MANFRE - South Windsor (TONY MANFRE)	SOUTH WINDSOR	CT	TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR
Yes	Evan Dantos	Hartford	CT	R+C
Yes	Karl Kilduff	Clinton	CT	Town of Clinton