

## Speaker & Moderator Bios

### Capturing the Value: Transforming Municipal Materials Management

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#### **Michael Alexander**

Michael Alexander is President of Recycle Away, a leading provider of systems and solutions to increase public space recycling. Prior to launching Recycle Away, Michael served as Director of Policy and Research for the National

Recycling Coalition for eight years, and Program Manager for the Northeast Recycling Council for ten years. In 1989, Michael began his career in the environmental field as a policy analyst with the New York State Office of Recycling Market Development.

in 1982, which currently employs 16 people serving several thousand customers in the residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural markets.

Pat and his company have won many awards for outstanding service and commitment to the community his company serves. These awards include: The Newtown Economic Commission Certificate of Recognition, The National Solid Waste Association's Special Governors' Award; Newtown Family and Youth Services Gail Smith Award, and H.D. Bassett Award; Garrick Corporation Certificate of Recognition for Food Waste Recycling; and most recently the Business of the Year Award by the Newtown Chamber of Commerce and Newtown Rotary Club.



#### **Donna Barlow Casey**

Donna Barlow Casey is presently the Director of the Academic Center for Sustainable Practices (CSP) at Vermont Technical College - a public institution with a student population of approximately 1600 students and the State's only technical college. Donna is the first full time Director of the Center for Sustainable Practices, whose

mission is to apply green technologies and sustainable practices to educational, operational, student- and community-focused efforts to develop a vibrant, green economy in Vermont.

Prior to joining the VT Tech staff, Donna served as the Director of the Central VT Solid Waste District for 15 years where she provided 22 cities and towns with innovative environmental programming designed to reduce waste and create behavioral change in the area's population. She authored Central Vermont's Zero Waste Strategic Plan—making the region one of the largest group of cities and towns in the USA to commit to this cutting edge resource management philosophy. Donna has served on a variety of environmental boards and solid waste committees, is a Toxics Action Center Advisory Board member, former board member of the Grass Roots Recycling Network and remains an active proponent of zero waste.

#### **Pat Caruso**

Pat Caruso is the owner and President of Associated Refuse Haulers in Newtown, Connecticut. He holds a BA degree in political science and economics from Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York. Pat started Associated Refuse



#### **Diane Duva**

Diane is DEEP's Assistant Director of Waste Engineering and Enforcement in the Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance. This division administers the state's materials management programs. The division is responsible for the permitting and enforcement of solid waste and hazardous waste

facilities and activities and for implementation of Connecticut's Solid Waste Management Plan, focusing on simplifying and incentivizing beneficial use, composting, and recycling to ensure materials remain in the stream of commerce. Diane has worked at DEEP since 1992 in the areas of materials management and contaminated property clean-up. Prior to working at DEEP Diane worked as an environmental consultant and as a park ranger. Diane graduated from Brown University and has a master's degree in environmental management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. In 2004 and in 2008 she and other DEEP staff received US EPA *National Notable Achievement Awards* for regulatory reform and innovation. In 2011 she received the *Public Service Award*

from the Meriden Women and Families Center's Women in Leadership Awards.



**Roger Guzowski**

Roger Guzowski comes to us wearing several recycling and contracting hats. He is currently the Contract and Procurement Manager for the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority. Prior to coming to CRRA, he spent over 20 years managing

award-winning campus recycling programs in both Massachusetts and California, where he wrote service contracts for a wide variety of recycling and solid waste services. Roger has also been a prolific writer and public speaker about recycling issues and has held a variety of leadership positions for the campus recycling councils of several organizations including the National Recycling Coalition, MassRecycle, and the California Resource Recovery Association (the other CRRA).



**Macky McCleary**

Macky has been the Deputy Commissioner at the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection since September 2011. Previously he was with McKinsey & Co., the highly respected global management consulting firm, since 2006 where he held various positions of increasing

responsibility and worked on transformational efforts for a wide variety of clients. At McKinsey he was involved with several major international cities to help prioritize operational improvements they can make to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Macky also managed a team that developed a long-term economic and environmental sustainability plan for a regional government organization in the Mid-Atlantic States. The plan featured initiatives to address water conservation, sewage, solid waste disposal, and increasing the use of alternative energy. Prior to joining McKinsey, Macky was the co-founder and president of EmPower CES, a start-up clean energy and green building development company. Macky built EmPower around a commitment to energy independence and environmental stewardship –an approach totally in synch with the vision of DEEP – and the company remains in business marketing clean energy products and services to homeowners, businesses and institutions. Macky holds

both a BA and an MA from the Yale School of Architecture and earlier in his career worked as an architect.



**Robert Metzler**

Robert J. Metzler is a principal and member of the Business and Finance Department of the Hartford, Connecticut law firm of Cohn Birnbaum & Shea, P.C. He is a graduate of Princeton University (B.A., 1970) and the University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D., with honors, 1973). He has extensive experience in the areas of municipal law and the solid

waste industry. Robert has acted as outside general counsel to Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority since its inception in the 1980s and has represented Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority from time to time for both finance and solid waste industry matters. He also represents the Salisbury Sharon Resource Recovery Authority and has advised several other municipalities concerning solid waste issues.

Robert is currently listed in Connecticut SuperLawyers for the areas of Business/Corporate, Securities & Corporate Finance and Mergers & Acquisitions; in Woodward/White Inc.'s Best Lawyers in America in the Communication Law and Energy Law categories; and was named to "Greater Hartford's Top Attorneys" by Hartford Magazine in the Business & Corporate category, 2011.



**Mark Moriarty**

Mark Moriarty is the Director of Public Works for the City of New Britain, Connecticut, and also serves as New Britain's lead representative to both the Bristol Resource Recovery Operating Committee (BRRFOC) and the Tunxis Recycling Operating Committee (TROC) where he serves as TROC's Vice President.

As Director of Public Works, Mark is responsible for a wide array of city services including the management of the City's streets and sewer system, the administration of the City's capital projects, and many other areas of service. One of his primary areas of focus has been improving how solid waste is managed in New Britain. Related to this, among his accomplishments in solid waste management is the implementation of a city-wide curbside single stream recycling program that increased the per-property recycling rate in New Britain from 61% to over 98%.

Mark is a graduate of the University of Hartford with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. Prior to working for the City of New Britain, Mark worked as a manager in the consulting engineering field where his focus was on urban redevelopment, site and transportation engineering and environmental permitting.

**Chris Nelson**



Chris Nelson has been with CT DEEP since November 1990 and is currently the Supervising Environmental Analyst of the Source Reduction and Recycling (SRR) Program within the Bureau of Material Management and Compliance Assurance (MMCA).

This program is responsible for coordinating implementation of the State’s Solid Waste Management Plan and developing programs and policies that support Connecticut’s materials management hierarchy. Chris also facilitates MMCA’s Solid Waste Advisory Committee meetings and serves as a member of the state’s Interagency Debris Management Task Force.

Prior to joining MMCA in 2011, Chris worked in the Bureau of Air Management on a variety of climate change, energy, policy planning and enforcement issues. He was involved with the development and implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), contributed to the development and implementation of Connecticut’s Climate Change Action Plan (in which increased recycling was a “Top 10” recommended action). Prior experience at DEEP also includes development of state regulations pertaining to air emissions from municipal waste combustors and power plants.

Chris holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Environmental Management degree from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. Chris also serves as an appointed member of the West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force and is a founding member of Sustainable West Hartford.

**Michael Paine**

Michael Paine represents Paine’s Inc. of East Granby, CT.



**John Phetteplace**

John Phetteplace has served as the Director of Solid Waste for the Town of Stonington for the past 25 years. He implemented one of the first PAYT programs in Connecticut in 1992. John has been involved at the regional level in developing recycling education,

composting (including food composting pilot), and hazardous waste collection programs. He has also served on the Board of the Southeastern CT Regional Resources Recovery Authority for the past 20 years, currently as President. John received a BA from Roger Williams College in Historic Preservation.



**John Prokop**

John Prokop is the Director of Public Works and Executive Director of the New Haven Solid Waste and Recycling Authority. In those roles, he is responsible for a \$21.5 million combined operating budget and another \$7 million of assets for fleet operations. He oversees a workforce of 120

employees, in 4 collective bargaining units. John is responsible for the infrastructure for 226 miles of roads, including 52 bridges, sidewalks, paving and potholes, drainage, and snow operations. He also coordinates waste management for 34,000 residential units to provide curb side bulk pick up, recyclables, leaf pick up, and street sweeping.

Besides maintaining the NSWRA Transfer Station operations for waste removal, single stream recycling, residential drop off for electronic waste, he works to deliver gasoline dispersment and maintenance repairs for 7 city departments. John provides storage and disposal for the Parks Department tree operation. He is responsible for the city’s evictions process, including storage, auction, and disposal of unclaimed goods.

**Natalie Starr**



Natalie Starr has spent over twenty five years in the solid waste, resource recovery and energy field. Natalie’s work has focused on improving the economics of solid waste management and recycling programs throughout the U.S., as well as in Central Europe, South Africa, Tajikistan and Argentina.

Natalie specializes in benchmarking and economic analysis of recycling systems, including collection systems. She has been involved in analysis, design and contracting of recycling and refuse collection systems



throughout the northeast focusing on increasing recovery rates and efficiency.



**Maryanna Stevens**

Maryanna Stevens has been the Director of Finance for the Town of Stonington since October 2002. Her previous experience includes five years of public accounting experience, working primarily on audits of

municipalities, along with 16 years of government finance experience. She worked for the City of Norwich as the Deputy Comptroller prior to working in Stonington. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Quinnipiac College and is a Certified Public Accountant. Mrs. Stevens is currently President of GFOA of CT and also serves on the New England States GFOA Executive Board. She is also a member of the CT Society of Certified Public Accountants and Government Finance Officers Association.



**Jeri Weiss**

Jeri Weiss has been working in the Boston Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for more than 20 years, in a variety of roles. She has led and been a part of many collaborative processes addressing complex environmental

issues from communities' concerns about cancer rates to developing a mercury action plan with New England States and Canadian Provinces. She is currently the team leader for Sustainable Materials Management focusing on a variety of sustainability issues focusing on waste reduction and recycling in workplaces and communities. Most recently she has been leading the New England Green Chemistry Challenge; to increase the understanding and adoption of green chemistry practices and principles in business, education, government, health care, and society as a catalyst to grow a sustainable economy in New England.



**Jennifer Weymouth**

Jennifer Weymouth is an environmental analyst at the CT DEEP where she provides education and support to municipalities and other stakeholders on solid waste management and recycling programs. She has eight years experience in developing and managing innovative programs

and initiatives in environmental sustainability, solid waste and resource management, climate change action planning, energy and water conservation and various nonprofit initiatives. She has worked in government, higher education, nonprofit, and corporate sectors. Jennifer holds an MS in Resource Management and Conservation from Antioch University New England. Prior to her work in the environmental field, Jennifer worked for a community foundation on evaluation of development and grantmaking programs.