



**Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Board Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority
Held via Zoom**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

John Phetteplace called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Michael Urgo	North Stonington Representative	A
Kevin Seery	East Lyme Alternate Representative	A	Don Hill	North Stonington Alternate Representative	P
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P	Patrick McLaughlin	Norwich Representative	P
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P	Brian Long	Norwich Alternate Representative	A
Joe Lozier	Ledyard Representative	A	Sandra Allyn-Gauthier	Preston Representative	A
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Alternate Representative	A	Jim Corley	Preston Alternate Representative	P
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	A	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	P
Donald Bourdeau	Montville Alternate Representative	A	Joan Nagle	Sprague Alternate Representative	A
Brian Sear	New London Representative	P	John Phetteplace	Stonington Representative & Board President	A
David DeNoia	New London Alternate Representative	A	Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P
			Daniel Matheson	Waterford Alternative Representative	A

P = Present, C=Call In (Audio), A=Absent

Quorum present

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director; Robin Cano, SCRRRA Administrator; Christopher Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; SCRRRA Legal Counsel Richard Barger & SCRRRA Consultant Jim Bolduc

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

SCRRRA WILL FOLLOW RECENT GUIDANCE AND BEGIN CONDUCTING MEETINGS IN PERSON AFTER THE 1ST OF JUNE.

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 10, 2021

Majority was in favor; none were opposed Don Hill Abstained.
(Motion by Pat McLaughlin, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Mr. Aldridge reviewed March’s finance report.
(Motion by Brian Sear, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

6. PRESIDENT’S/ STAFF REPORTS

PROJECT:

I.Organics Update

Mr. Aldridge informed us that a generator will be delivered to the test site by early next week, the first deliveries of food waste are scheduled for next Wednesday. Mr. Aldridge has received a lease proposal for the property at Ella Wheeler Road in North Stonington. He has a meeting with WWP next week to discuss a potential lease at their property in Sprague and he is waiting on a proposal for the other North Stonington property. Once Mr. Aldridge has received all three proposals, he will prepare a cost benefit analysis for the Board to narrow the selection to begin further negotiation. Jim Bolduc and Mr. Aldridge have begun the process of developing a business plan with the help of Atlas Organics, which shared their projected operating costs with us if they were operating the facility. Once we are satisfied with our business plan progress, we will be developing an RFP for faculty design, build and operation to include the results of our pilot test.

II.Health Care

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Bolduc, we contacted a new insurance broker, Kurtis Dennison, of People’s United Insurance Agency. Mr. Dennison worked with Mr. Bolduc at CRAA and the Gas Company and is involved with health care plans for both the State and about 100 Connecticut towns. He provided us with 19 different plan quotations. In your paperwork are Anthem Blue Cross plans that he recommended. The plans range in annual premium cost from \$115,687 to \$132,349. These plans are fully insured, which we learned our previous plans were not, and had the potential for leaving the Authority open to unnecessary risk.

Motion to approve the Authority to add the 2021 Silver Pathway CT PPO Health Care Policy

Majority was in favor, none were opposed
(Motion by Gary Schneider, 2nd by Brian Sear)

III.Website Update

In a recent Executive Committee meeting Gary Schneider raised concerns regarding the SCRRRA website. His concerns were valid: there is old content that should be removed and reporting in the member portal that is not up to date. We have missed some handoffs in Shaylagh’s absence, and we are working to bring the reports current and accurate. Mr. Aldridge has also reviewed our website with a representative of Miranda Creative, a SE CT company that specializes in branding and website design. Our current website is about 8 years old and is deficient in its functionality and security. Mr. Aldridge asked him to work up a proposal to bring to the Board for approval, which he estimated would cost about \$20K.

Motion to approve funds for the Website Update

Majority was in favor, none were opposed

(Motion by Pat McLaughlin, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

IV.FEMA Claim

Chris Roman has been meeting with FEMA representatives regarding a claim for grinding and hauling work that resulted from Tropical Storm Isaias. Only two towns, Montville and Groton, segregated storm related brush, but for those two towns the claim amount will be about \$63,000. Mr. Aldridge would like to thank Ron McDaniel for providing us with FEMA updates that put us in the position to be able to submit this claim.

V.Supplemental Wood Grinding

On April 30th Mr. Aldridge received a request from Mr. Schneider to add the topic of supplemental contracted wood grinding and hauling to the agenda of today's meeting. The reasoning for this request included increased receipt of brush due to Covid restrictions, recent tree blight issues, the impending hurricane season and several towns still have significant piles to grind. Mr. Aldridge received a note from Mr. McDaniel that said Montville had just lost access to the overflow lot the town uses for emergency capacity. We are looking into what is involved to classify our property in Preston as a collection point during FEMA emergency. As for the current grinder schedule we are just finishing Stonington today and will be heading to Groton, Waterford, and New London.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Last week Mr. Aldridge received an agenda request from Groton for a discussion amongst member towns regarding transfer station fees, hours and services. There is a desire to develop a spreadsheet of this information.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

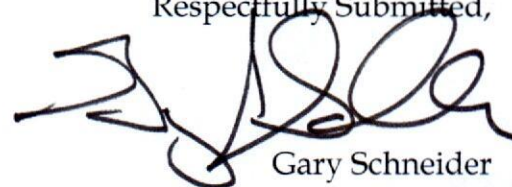
None

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Pat McLaughlin and Brian Sear seconded and was approved unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary