



**Minutes of the July 7, 2021, Board Meeting of the  
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority  
Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Zoom**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

John Phetteplace called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Michael Uργο	North Stonington Representative	A
Kevin Seery	East Lyme Alternate Representative	A	Don Hill	North Stonington Alternate Representative	A
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	P	Jim Corley	Preston Alternate Representative	P
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	P	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	A
Donald Bourdeau	Montville Alternate Representative	A	Joan Nagle	Sprague Alternate Representative	A
Brian Sear	New London Representative	P	John Phetteplace	Stonington Representative & Board President	P
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**

NONE

**4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON JUNE 09, 2021**

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.

(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Babbitt)



5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed May's finance report.  
(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Masalin)

6. PRESIDENT'S/STAFF REPORTS

**PROJECT:**

**I. Recycling Market Update**

Mr. Aldridge referred to a graph projected and said as you can see the markets have rebounded nicely from a low of \$11.43 in August of 2019 to this month at \$82.29. All categories increased except for 3-7 mixed plastics. The improvements come from several developments: first, significant domestic recycling infrastructure has come online in the last two years including 15 paper/cardboard plants and 0 plastic facilities. Second, the customer demand for raw materials produced is increasing as the economy comes back online after the pandemic. Future concerns are market constraints being caused by transportation because of driver and export container shortages and whether the Indian economy collapses under pressure from severe pandemic issues...India consumes about 1/3 of the world's mixed paper supply. So far, the recycling subsidy has cost the Authority \$2,068,000. Mr. Aldridge expects that number to eclipse \$3,000,000 by the time our contract adjusts the rate next April.

**II. Organics Update**

Mr. Aldridge told us that we began our Compost Demonstration project at the Stonington transfer station. 8.5 tons of food waste was delivered to the site by Blue Earth compost. We will add to the windrow for the next week or so, then let the pile cook for 4 weeks. After 4 weeks we will pull the pipe, remix the pile then recreate the windrow for 2 weeks. After 2 weeks we will repeat the process then in 2 weeks we should be finished. Samples will be sent to a STA lab at each step to monitor the chemical makeup of the compost. Once finished it will be screened and the process is complete.

While the test is running, we will be working on a site, negotiating a lease, and developing an RFP for Design and Build of a permanent facility. Mr. Aldridge hopes to bring a proposal to the Board before the end of the year.

**III. Grants Update**

Mr. Aldridge informed us that we have been working with the Center for Eco Technology on several grant opportunities. The first, a US Agriculture Dept. grant for a year-long educational program to assist SCRRRA region schools, businesses and institutions with tools and strategies to reduce food waste. Part of this program will be training on source separation of waste for composting. This program would last a year beginning this October. We should hear this month. This grant requires an assistance of SCRRRA staff in the training.

Mr. Aldridge went on to tell us that we are also working on a USDA grant for collection equipment in support of an organics program. Specifically, we are looking to purchase collection equipment for our transfer stations in the form of food grade dumpsters and waste sortation centers for our public schools. This is a 2-year grant and requires a 25% match.



**IV. Transfer Station Services Spreadsheet**

Mr. Aldridge informed us that we have begun the process of accumulating the information to complete the Transfer Station Data Worksheet. Mr. Aldridge asked if the remaining towns who have not submitted it, please do.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the Covanta situation.**

**Discussion: None**

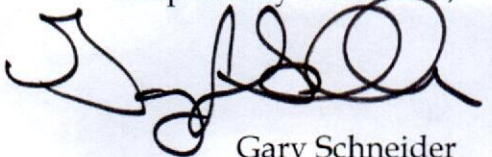
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**ADJOURNMENT**

John Phetteplace requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Todd Babbitt and Steve Masalin seconded and was approved unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider  
Secretary