



**Minutes of the November 18, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority
Held at the Gales Ferry office & via Zoom**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm.

1. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P
Gary Schneider	Groton Representative	P	John Phetteplace	Stonington Representative & Board President	A
Pat McLaughlin	Norwich Representative	P			

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

Quorum Present

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director; Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator; Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; SCRRRA Legal Counsel Richard Barger, and SCRRRA Consultant Jim Bolduc.

3. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2021

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

4. FINANCE REPORTS:

Dave Aldridge reviewed October's finance report.

5. PRESIDENT/STAFF REPORTS:

I. Organics Update

Mr. Aldridge told us that the second test pile finished its active phase of composting yesterday. It will be moved to a location next to the first pile for curing. The final lab results show:

- The sample tested very safe for pathogens, a result of the high temperatures that were maintained.
- The sample was found to be safe as a soil amendment with low heavy metals detected.
- The sample was found to be very stable, well cured, finished compost with no odors or plant toxicity.
- The compost was considered very mature, safe for containers, which means it could be marketed as a bagged product.
- The Carbon to Nitrogen ratio was normal, so it will release available nitrogen to the soil.
- The compost was determined to be a good source of nutrients and organic matter.

- The salinity of the compost was low, again safe for plants.

Mr. Aldridge said that we will be sending the final test results of the second pile to the lab within the week, and should have results by our January Board meeting. We are packing up the equipment and with SCS assistance looking for a trommel to screen both piles.

While we are waiting for those results, Mr. Aldridge intends to work through the steps necessary to develop an effective process to move our efforts forward with implementing an organics program. Mr. Aldridge would like to approach this in a similar fashion that we approached developing our investment program. The first step would be to develop a Board statement that would reaffirm what the goals are in order to keep the process on track. Mr. Aldridge suggests:

First, Reducing SCRRRA's overall Municipal Solid Waste disposal cost by utilizing the least cost alternative for food waste scraps and municipal wood chips. Secondly, to provide an environmentally acceptable alternative to either incineration or use of a landfill.

II. Long Term Financial Planning

Mr. Aldridge explained that similar to Organics Diversion he intends to approach our options for long term cost reduction in a methodical, step by step, Board approved fashion. Once we establish a clear statement of purpose we then consider options utilizing cost / benefit and risk analysis and prioritize accordingly. Once we have a clear set of goals we can set a time and action calendar and develop our talking points with member municipalities.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate

Time in: 2:52 pm

Discussion: none

Majority was in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

Motion to come out of Executive Session

Time out: 3:12 pm

Discussion: none

Majority was in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Pat McLaughlin, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

No action taken

7. NEW BUSINESS:


None

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was made by Todd Babbitt and seconded by Pat McLaughlin.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Schneider', written in a cursive style.

Gary Schneider
Secretary