



**Minutes of the December 1, 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 2:03 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	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	P	Jim Corley	Preston Alternate Representative	P
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	P	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	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 & Kevin O'Brien, Fiduciary Advisor

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 03, 2021

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

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed October's Finance Report
(Motion by Joe Bragaw, 2nd by Steve Masalin)

6. PRESIDENT'S / STAFF REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Investment Update – Kevin O'Brien

Mr. O'Brien went over the financial report.

II. Organics Update

Mr. Aldridge informed us that the second test pile finished its active phase of composting yesterday. It will be moved to a location next to the first test pile for curing. The final lab results from the first test pile were very encouraging.

- The sample tested very safe for pathogens, a result of the high temperatures that were maintained.
- The compost 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.
- 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.

We will be sending the final test samples of the second pile to the lab within a week and should have the 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, I intend to work through the steps necessary to develop sand effective process to move our efforts forward with implementing and organics program. Mr. Aldridge said he 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 to keep the process on track.

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

III. Long Term Financial Planning

Like Organics Diversion Mr. Aldridge 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 prioritizing accordingly. Once we have a clear set of goals we can set a time and action calendar and develop out talking points with member municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS

None

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personal policy. (Just Board members invited)

Time In: 3:20

Discussion: None

Motion to come out of Executive Session

Time Out: 4:15

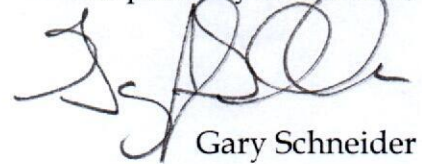
Discussion: None

Motion to establish a subcommittee for personal policy and produce review

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary