



**Minutes of the August 10, 2022, Board Meeting of the
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority
Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Zoom**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Joe Bragaw called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Bob Carlson	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	A
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P	Brian Long	Norwich Alternate Representative	P
Joe Lozier	Ledyard Representative	A	Sandra Allyn-Gauthier	Preston Representative	A
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Alternate Representative	P	Jim Corley	Preston Alternate Representative	A
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	P	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	P
			Paul Copenhagen	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 and Jill Senior, Stonington Representative

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

JOHN PHETTEPLACE ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT. THIS WILL BE HIS LAST BOARD MEETING.

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON JUNE 8, 2022

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

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed June's Finance Report
(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

6. PRESIDENT'S / STAFF REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Nominating Committee

Stacey Leitch, Ron McDaniel & Brian Sear volunteered to be on the nominating committee

Motion to Accept the Nominating Committee

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Joe Bragaw, 2nd Cheryl Blanchard)**

II. Organics Committee

Mr. Aldridge said that in our last meeting, he suggested that the Board create an Ad Hoc Committee for Organics similar to the Personnel & Grinder Committees. We will be considering a number of things over the next several months: we have received the materials from the SCS study: a conceptual design, construction cost estimate, siting and zoning considerations as well as financial pro-forma. This project is very complicated and would benefit greatly from the support of a committee. The other committees have worked well and have three members each and we have conducted meetings via Zoom to lessen the time commitment. So far Mr. Aldridge had one Board Member, Brian Sear, contact him, willing to volunteer. He is looking for two other Board Members to volunteer. Jill Senior volunteered so we need one more Board Member.

III. Casella

Mr. Aldridge met with Bob Cappadona, VP Casella on July 15th to discuss the mid-contract adjustment for recycling. Mr. Cappadona agreed that the adjustment would be retroactive to May 1 and would be per the terms of the contract. He did not agree to the proposed adjustment for glass residue and suggested that if we wanted to pursue that we should do so as per the contract terms. Mr. Aldridge expects a letter from Mr. Cappadona next week that speaks to the adjustment amount and payment shortly after.

On July 6 Mr. Aldridge visited Willimantic Waste to discuss how Casella has changed procedures since the buyout, and in particular to have a conversation regarding trash residue. He met with Mike Crowell, Casella's Market Area Manager and Matthew Beltz the manager of the recycling facility. It was immediately apparent that Casella's Standard Operating Procedures are far different from what existed in the facility before. They went to the glass collection area and there was a glass cleaning machine operating that was not there when we conducted the composition audit in 2019, which Mr. Aldridge believes explains at least in part the discrepancies between the 2019 and 2022 audits.

Casella also has, as standard Operating Procedure, an audit program that they conduct as part of regular operations that is different from Willimantic Waste. They pull 400 pounds of inbound recycling and inventory to the individual item the makeup of the sample. Over time they build a continually more accurate picture of loads and in particular trash residue. DEEP mandates glass recycling and single stream. This process is outside the inspections that they conduct as part of their permit requirements from DEEP that have resulted in several recent letters to towns. Winston Averill and Mr. Aldridge will be spending several days working with them to review inbound loads and the results of their audit program to start a program to reduce the level of contamination in our curbside program. They were very open to having SCRRRA Board Members visit the facility to review their operations. Mike Corwell should be invited to the Executive Committee Meeting.

IV.SCRRRA Website

Mr. Aldridge informed the Board that our website went live about two weeks ago. We have been adding content and making minor adjustments. We have been experiencing difficulty with the Service Request portion of the Town portal, which now appears to be functioning properly.

Motion to Add Recycling Outreach to Businesses to the Agenda under New Business

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2nd Steve Masalin)**

New Business

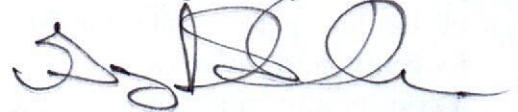
Recycling Outreach to Businesses – Mystic YMCA

Mr. Aldridge asked the Board to refer to the copy of the report from CET on recommendations for waste reductions for the Mystic YMCA. The Y contacted Mr. Aldridge several months ago interested in developing a sustainability program. He made a solid waste presentation to the YMCA Board via Zoom and then scheduled CET to tour the facilities. This is offered at no cost as part of the grant program they were awarded from CT DEEP to help businesses in the state improving their waste reduction performance. The resulting report lists actionable items that we will be working with both the YMCA and CET to implement. Mr. Aldridge asked if anyone on the Board has any businesses in their town that they think would be interested in this program to please forward contact information to him. CET will make the contact and set up the program. This grant will be

ADJOURNMENT

John Phetteplace requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by John Phetteplace and Ron McDaniel seconded and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Gary Schneider
Secretary