



**Minutes of the April 13, 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	P
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	P	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	Paul Copenhagen	Sprague Alternate Representative	A
Brian Sear	New London Representative	A	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

NONE

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 16, 2022

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.

(Motion by Steve Masalin, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed February's Finance Report
(Motion by Pat McLaughlin, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

6. PRESIDENT'S / STAFF REPORTS

PROJECT:

I.Grinder Report

Mr. Aldridge referenced the Grinder Productivity Report. It shows activity for 23 months calendar years 2020 through February of this year by town. March will be updated next week to include finishing in Groton (whose total hours will be 80.5), Connecticut College and Ledyard which we finished yesterday. The grinder is now in New London. Throughput is calculated based on hauling volume divided by grinder hours. Mr. Aldridge will be amending this report to show a trailing 12-month activity but wanted to show the total data that was available. There is a subcommittee that includes Steve Masalin, Don Hill, and Gary Schneider. They will get together and discuss what the Board is looking for in the grinder report.

**Motion to not grind non-SCRRRA towns
(Motion Gary Schneider)**

**Motion to withdraw Motion to not grind non-SCRRRA towns
(Motion Gary Schneider)**

II.SCRRRA Outreach

Mr. Aldridge told us that SCRRRA Outreach activity has picked up as the pandemic has slowed. So far this year Mr. Aldridge has had two presentations, one to the Groton Conservation Advocates and a second with the Mystic Garden Club, totaling about 75 people. He is scheduled for another community presentation at the Mystic YMCA later this month. Winston Averill has had 4 events in the past month in East Lyme, NFA and several classes at UCONN Avery Point that have included another 60 people. Mr. Aldridge is also being interviewed by National Public Radio this week for a program that will air Friday evening.

In addition to the presentations, we have started a sustainability initiative with the Mystic YMCA in conjunction with CET to assist them in improving their recycling programs. CET is working with a DEEP grant to offer assistance to businesses that would like to reduce waste and increase recycling including food waste. If any of the Board is contacted by businesses in your community about this type of program, please send them to me....CET is anxious to expand their program. Joe Bragaw said we might want to think about posting videos and getting word out on social media. Mr. Aldridge said that was a great idea and segway into our next topic.

III. SCRRRA Website Update

Mr. Aldridge informed us that we are in the final stages of vetting the Website upgrade and expect to go live in the beginning of May. The site will have all the features that have been previously described, including the Service Request function which should improve our responsiveness to Transfer Station needs. We have also signed up for vimeo which allows us to post videos without commercials.

IV. SCRRRA Personnel Policy & Rules

Mr. Aldridge referred to a copy of a letter from Rich Barger regarding an amendment to the Policy. It states that an employee on disability would be responsible for the full cost of their Health Insurance Cost once they have exhausted all accumulated leave.

Motion to add Leave of Absence to the agenda and amend the provisions.

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2nd Stacey Leitch)**

New Business

None

Motion to move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters

Time In: 2:38PM

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2nd Joe Lozier)**

Motion to leave Executive Session

Time Out: 3:10PM

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Joe Lozier, 2nd Don Hill)**

Motion to change the wage for the wood grinder to \$45/hour effective May 1, 2022, no COLA adjustment on July 1, additional \$5 in 6 months pending satisfactory review.

Discussion: None

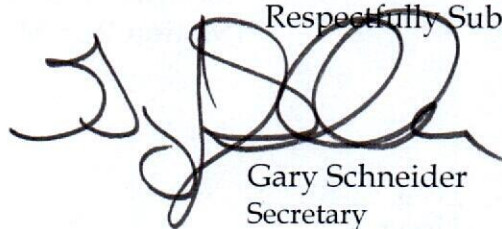
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ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Joe Lozier and Don Hill seconded and was approved unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Gary Schneider
Secretary