



**Minutes of the October 6, 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 2:06 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	A	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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.

(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Pat McLaughlin)

5. ANNUAL MEETING – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Stacey Leitch presented a slate of nominees:

- John Phetteplace - President
- Joe Bragaw - First Vice President
- Todd Babbitt - Second Vice President
- Pat McLaughlin - Treasurer
- Gary Schneider - secretary

There were no nominations made from the floor.

Motion to accept Executive Committee slate as proposed

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed

(Motion Brian Sear, 2nd Ron McDaniel)

6. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed June's and August's' finance report.

(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)

7. PRESIDENT'S/STAFF REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Transportation Subsidy True-up

Mr. Aldridge informed us that after the last Board Meeting Chris Roman and he discussed the potential adjustment to the Transportation Subsidy. Since the numbers are already booked into Public Works Budgets, Mr. Aldridge suggests that we do not make annual adjustments, but leave the numbers as they are. Every year there will be variations, but in the grand scheme of things the adjustments would create variations to the budgets that are currently in place. Mr. Aldridge said that his guess is that year over year the pluses and minuses would eventually become even less impactful. We discussed this at the Executive Committee last week and the consensus was that it made sense.

Motion to not true up Transportation Subsidy

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed

(Motion Pat McLaughlin, 2nd Stacey Leitch)

II.USDA Food Waste Reduction Program

Mr. Aldridge referred to the paperwork packets and said that the first is a brochure that generally describes programs by the Center for Eco Technology (CET). The second describes their program for school systems. This is the program that we submitted for and won a USDA grant. The program will begin this month and last for a year. The third document describes a similar program for businesses and will be the project that we will apply for a DEEP grant in the next few weeks. Mr. Aldridge said that our next challenge is to determine the best way to reach out to our Region's school systems to identify willing partners that would like to participate. If anyone has any contacts or suggestions, please reach out to Mr. Aldridge.

III.Draft 2023 Fiscal Budget

Mr. Aldridge said assumptions for the 2023 budget are as follows:

- Current MSW waste streams will continue into FY 2023, so a 3-year average was used, like past years.
- Recycling tonnage is planned equal to last year, 18,000
- Tip fee was planned at \$64.53 based on an analysis in our paperwork package
- Recycling Expense was planned according to the analysis also in paperwork package.
- A cost-of-living adjustment of 3.5% was applied as a place holder subject to validation.
- Health Insurance Expense was planned at 7% increase based on experience, subject to validation.
- Corporate Insurance is planned at a 5% increase, also subject to validation.
- Lease income from Covanta was planned based on history, may change pending current land assessment.
- Gross investments revenue is planned even with next year.

Mr. Aldridge stated that this is all obviously subject to change after Board review.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Aldridge informed us that Ron, John and he attended a zoom meeting with Congressman Courtney to solicit his support for the Compost Act. The bill would provide up to \$5 million per project to municipalities for the construction of composting facilities. The Congressman agreed to sign on as a co-sponsor and actively work with other legislators for its passage.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Issues & Litigation

Time In: 3:33

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion Ron McDaniel, 2nd Pat McLaughlin)**

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to come out of Executive Session

Time Out: 4:06

Discussion: None

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed
(Motion John Phetteplace, 2nd Todd Babbitt)**

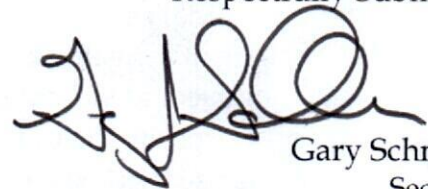
No action taken

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary