



**Minutes of the March 13, 2024, 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 2:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	A	Don Hill	North Stonington Representative	A
	East Lyme Alternate			North Stonington Alternate	
Kevin Seery	Representative	A	Alan Ladd	Representative	P
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P	Patrick McLaughlin	Norwich Representative	P
				Norwich Alternate	
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P	Brian Long	Representative	A
			Sandra Allyn-		
Steve Masalin	Ledyard Representative	P	Gauthier	Preston Representative	A
	Ledyard Alternate				
Joe Lozier	Representative	A	Jim Corley	Preston Alternate Representative	A
Ronald McDaniel	Montville Representative	A	Cheryl Blanchard	Sprague Representative	A
John Carlson	Montville Alternate	A	Paul Copenhagen	Sprague Alternate Representative	A
	New London				
Brian Sear	Representative	P	Jill Senior	Stonington Representative	P
	New London Alternate				
Steve Lee	Representative	A	Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P
				Waterford Alternative	
			Daniel Matheson	Representative	A

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

Quorum present

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director; Robin Cano, SCRRRA Administrator; Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; SCRRRA Legal Counsel Richard Barger, SCRRRA Consultant Jim Bolduc & Town Counselor for Groton, David McBride.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Majority was in favor; none were opposed.

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

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed January's Finance Report

Motion to Approve Finance Report as Presented

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion Brian Sear, 2nd Jill Senior)

6. GRINDER SCHEDULE AND REPORT

Mr. Aldridge referred to the Grinder Schedule and Report in the paperwork package. This report lists the current grinding schedule and historical grinding in each town. A more detailed accounting report will be reported to the Executive Committee monthly and is available upon request.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROJECT:

▪ Legislative Update

Mr. Aldridge discussed the listing of solid waste related bills and a copy of a letter he submitted to the Environment Committee

▪ Committee Updates

➤ **Waste Diversion Committee - Grinder Operations, Recycling Contamination.**

This month the Committee discussed grinder operations and differed future conversation to the Executive Committee with general concerns regarding scheduling of the operation and its cost.

Also discussed was an update on the recycling contamination program.

➤ **Finance Committee - Compost Business Plan**

The Committee discussed the development of an Organics Compost Facility business plan. SCS Engineers is updating a pro-forma that was developed two years ago to detail facility operating cost projections.

➤ **Human Resource Committee - Social Security and ED Contract**

The Committee discussed a SCRRRA Employee Evaluation and Development Plan that Mr. Aldridge is implementing based on a program used by East Lyme.

The Committee also discussed the issue of Social Security benefits which Mr. Aldridge will now take to the Executive Committee for review.

Organics Facility Update

On February 28th we had a pre-permitting meeting with DEEP which went very well. The DEEP leader on this process, Frank Gagliardo, stated that the process usually takes 9 months to a year, but because we are so prepared it could be a quicker process. Mr. Aldridge referred to a proposal in our paperwork packet from SCS Engineers for permitting support. He asked that, after our discussion, we conduct a vote for its approval.

Motion to Appropriate \$19K as Listed in the Proposal by SCS Engineers for Permitting Support.

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.
(Motion by Brian Sear, 2nd Pat McLaughlin)**

Annual Financial Audit

Our 2023 Financial Statements are complete and have been emailed to the Board and uploaded to the Public Records section of our website.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

Gary Schneider raised a question regarding the possibility of directing residents to a different location on the days the transfer station is not open.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Recycling Contract Negotiations.

Time In: 2:52PM

Discussion: None

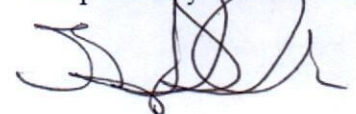
**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.
(Motion by Jill Senior, 2nd Stacey Leitch)**

Time Out of Executive Session: 3:12PM

ADJOURNMENT

Todd Babbitt requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Steve Masalin and seconded by Jill Senior and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary