



**Minutes of the November 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 2:04 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**Quorum present**

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director; Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator; Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager; Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel; Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant; Tim Ng, Fiducient Advisor

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON OCTOBER 09, 2024**

Majority was in favor; none were opposed  
(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Leitch)

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed September's Finance Report

**Motion to Approve Finance Report as Presented**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Blanchard)**

6. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The grinder is currently in Montville and functioning properly. Mr. Aldridge has authorized overtime for Lenny until the schedule is current.

7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar for the month of October & November.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

**PROJECT:**

▪ Review Draft 2026 Operating Budget

Mr. Aldridge reviewed draft budget documents.

**Motion to Approve 2026 Draft Operating Budget as Presented**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron McDaniel)**

**Motion to Adjust 2026 Tip Fee to \$75.06 Per Ton.**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron McDaniel)**

**Motion to Approve 2025 Board and Executive Meeting Schedules as Presented**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Babbitt)**

**Motion to Deduct E-Waste Checks from each Authority Town's MSW.**

**Discussion: None**

**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**

**(Motion by Brian Sear, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Leitch)**

▪ **Organics Project:**

• **Environmental Justice Plan Update**

The required public informational meeting is scheduled for Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. Letters have been sent to all residents within ½ mile of the facility, a sign has been posted, an ad run in The Norwich Bulletin, public officials have been notified and notice has been posted on social media by both SCRRRA and the town of Preston.

• **RFQ Update**

The RFQ was sent out to three potential respondents in late October. Responses are due on November 22, and we will bring the evaluations to the Board at our December Board Meeting.

• **Grant Update**

We submitted our Application for the DEEP Material Management Infrastructure Grant last Friday, about a month ahead of the December 6<sup>th</sup> deadline. Attached to the grant were support letters from all 12 SCRRRA member towns, as well as Senator Martha Marx and the Groton Conservation Commission. Our submission was complete including engineered drawings, complete budget table, EJ plan along with the letters of support and we satisfied all scoring criteria. Awards will be announced by January 17<sup>th</sup>.

▪ **DEEP RACT Standards Letter Update**

Mr. Barger gave a brief update.

▪ **Social Security Issue Update**

Mr. Barger updated us on the beginning process of the possibility of obtaining Social Security for the employees at SCRRRA.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NONE

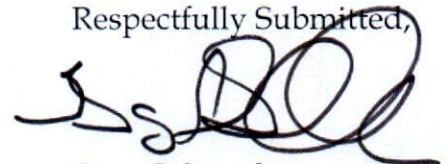
10. **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Jill Senior and seconded by Cheryl Blanchard and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider  
Secretary