



**Minutes of the June 11, 2025, 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 2:01 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

P = Present, V = (Virtual), A=Absent

Quorum present

Others: David Aldridge, SCRRRA Executive Director (P); Liz Chuff, Operations Manager (P). Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator (P); Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager (V); Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel (P); & Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V)

**3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -
None**

**4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MAY 14, 2025
Majority was in favor; none were opposed.
(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2nd by Stacey Leitch)**

5. **FINANCE REPORTS**

Dave Aldridge reviewed April's Finance Report

Motion to Approve the Finance Report as Presented

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

6. **WOOD GRINDING REPORT**

The wood grinder is currently in Griswold and is on schedule.

7. **AUTHORITY CALENDAR**

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the June/July Authority Calendar.

8. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

PROJECT:

I. **SCRRRA Municipal Survey 2025**

Liz Chuff addressed the Board regarding the 2025 update to the Municipal Town Survey.

II. **Legislative Update**

Dave Aldridge presented two versions of a Legislative Session Summary supplied by TCORS Capital Group recapping the 2025 session. He reviewed several tracked bills including House Bill 5019 Extended Producer Responsibility for Consumer Batteries, House Bill 5017 Tire Stewardship Program Participation, and House Bill 7004 Environmental Justice and Municipal Authority.

III. **Organics Update**

• **Permit Update**

Kevin Clements, the DEEP Environmental Engineer conducting the technical review of our permit application, has submitted a request for additional information. Updated drawings have been completed and are now ready for a final review with the intention of submitting them to DEEP by the end of this week.

• **Operator Contract**

Mr. Barger has completed a draft Term Sheet intended to guide upcoming contract negotiations with Black Earth Compost. While this step is not highly time-sensitive – since we do not anticipate executing a final agreement until the permit is secured – it positions us to move forward efficiently once our permit is obtained. Mr. Aldridge welcomes any Board Member who is interested in

- **SMM2 Grant**

The state has released the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) 2 grant offering to support continued efforts to divert municipal solid waste (MSW) from disposal through reduction and recycling initiatives. This second round of funding includes \$5 million in available grants.

The title of our application is *Collection Infrastructure for a Regional Organics Diversion Program* which is due at the end of the month. As with our previous successful MMI grant, regional support will be a key factor in the state's evaluation and award decisions. For the MMI application, we received letters of support from all 12 SCRRRA Town CEOs and 6 state legislators. We intend to deploy the same strategy for the SMM2 grant and will shortly begin distributing a draft letter to request letters of support.

Motion to Approve the Executive Director to Move Forward with the SMM2 Grant Application Process as Presented.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

9. **Discussion and Possible Vote on Additional Funding for Compost Facility**

Mr. Aldridge is pulling in estimates for the cost of finishing our work on the permit application, development of a final design, and development of an RFP for construction of the facility. He also intends to estimate the costs of the current pilot collections and potential pilot collection projects in other SCRRRA towns that are interested, with the idea of implementing programs while the facility is under construction, so we have source-separated organics (SSO) available when the facility is completed and ready for production.

Motion to Authorize the Authority up to \$2,000 for One Month in Order to Continue the Organics Diversion Pilot Programs.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed. Todd Babbitt and Steve Masalin Abstained

(Motion by Brian Long, 2nd by Jared Harris)

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

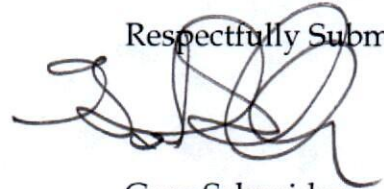
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Steve Masalin and seconded by Brian Long and was approved unanimously. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Gary Schneider", written in a cursive style.

Gary Schneider
Secretary