



**Minutes of the December 10, 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 2:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Joe Bragaw	East Lyme Representative	P	Alan Ladd	North Stonington Representative	V
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	P
Brian Sear	New London Representative	P	Gary Schneider	Waterford Representative	P
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); Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator (P); Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager (P); Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel (V); & Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V).

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -

None

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Motion to Approve the Minutes.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

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

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Dave Aldridge reviewed the Finance Report.

Motion to Approve the Finance Report as Presented

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

6. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The wood grinder is currently in Montville.

7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Discussion and Possible Action on Draft Resolution for Changes to Reserve Accounts

There are currently seven Board Designated funds and one restricted fund. The intent of the original fund balances was that they were set to last through the end of 2030. Our Recycling Fund has inadequate funding to last that long, so we are recommending to the Board a shift of \$6.1 million from the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund to the Recycling Fund to eliminate that discrepancy. Another fund, Capital Projects, will need future review as projects like the compost facility as well as disposal contracts become better defined.

Motion to Move \$6,100,000 from the Tip Fee Stabilization Fund and Put \$6,000,000 to the Recycling Fund and \$100,000 to the Organics Fund.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Steve Masalin, 2nd by Todd Babbitt)

II. Organics Update

- Permit/Grant/Design Update

- **Permit** - Still no word from DEEP on our permit. Mr. Aldridge has asked lobbyists to make calls.
- **Grant** - The comment period for the Environmental Impact Evaluation has been extended to 1/2/2026 with no further comments yet. If that continues, the Record of Decision will be sent to OPM that evening for final sign off.
Mr. Aldridge received the SMMR2 grant award letter on 11/19/2025, the paperwork on that grant for collection equipment is in progress. Mike Looney, the person managing the grants program for DEEP, will be leaving that position by the end of December.
- **Design Update** - The Executive Committee approved initial funding for final design work which has now begun. Mr. Aldridge has had two review meetings with Greg McCarran and BEC to get into the details including aeration system, watering systems, bunker design, and control systems.

- Operator Contract

After another review of the contract terms by the Executive Committee in November, Rich Barger is now working on the Draft Contract with BEC.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to Move into Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations.

Time in: 2:22PM

Discussion: none

The majority was in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

Time Out of Executive Session: 2:29PM with No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Steve Masalin and seconded by Brian Sear at 2:29PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary