



**Minutes of the February 11, 2026, 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

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| 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 | A |
| Stacey Leitch | Groton Representative | P | Jeff Dewey | Norwich Alternate Representative | P |
| 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 JANUARY 14, 2025

Motion to Approve the Minutes.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

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

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 Steve Masalin, 2nd by Ron McDaniel)

6. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The wood grinder is currently in Waterford.

7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

PROJECT:

I. Organics Update

• Permit/Grant/Design Operator Contract Update

- ❖ **Permit** - The period of public comment for the notice of Determination to Approve our permit to construct and operate is scheduled to end at the end of this week.
- ❖ **MMI Grant** - On January 12, 2026, Mr. Aldridge was informed by DEEP that our MMI grant was moving to OPM for approval. He was informed yesterday that OPM expects to publish a Determination of Adequacy (DOA) by mid-March.
- ❖ **Design Update** - The draft design work is complete. We are finishing the last items for the bid document package.
- ❖ **Operator Contract** - The draft of the compost facility operator contract is complete and being reviewed by Black Earth Compost.

• Legislative Update

Mr. Aldridge reviewed a meeting he had with the Environmental Committee Chairs a couple of weeks ago.

• Tire EPR Program

Mr. Aldridge has contacted Jesse Schoefield to request a copy of the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) agreement. He also extended an invitation to attend one of our upcoming board meetings. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend today's scheduled meeting. However, a follow-up call has been arranged for tomorrow to continue the discussion.

- **Discussion and Possible Vote on 2026 HHW Schedule**
Due to an increase in rates by the vendor, Mr. Aldridge is proposing that we reduce the number of HHW Collections from 9 to 8.

Motion to Approve the Number of Household Hazardous Waste Collections from 9 Events to 8 Events
Discussion: none
Majority was in favor, none were opposed.
(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Jill Senior)

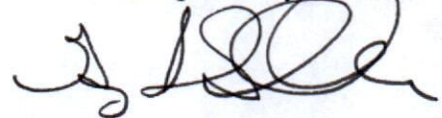
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
None

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
None

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Jill Senior and seconded by Brian Sear at 2:21PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary