



**Minutes of the March 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 2:02 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
Adam Puccino	Groton Alternate Representative	A	Jared Harris	Preston Representative	V
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	V	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); Liz Chuff, SCRRRA Operations Manager (P); Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator (P); Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager (P); Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel (V); Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V); & Leo Brunell, Mayor of Montville (V)

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -

None

4. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Motion to Approve the Minutes.

Discussion: None

Majority were in favor, none were opposed.

(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2nd by Jill Senior)

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 Ron McDaniel, 2nd by Gary Schneider)

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

- ❖ **Permit** - Last Thursday, Mr. Aldridge received a copy of our approved Permit to Construct and Operate our Compost Facility.
- ❖ **Bid Process** - We held a pre-bid meeting yesterday. Bids are due by April 1st and will be reviewed in the April Executive Committee Meeting and presented to the Board for a vote in May. We have received a Supplemental Proposal for Additional Permitting and Design Services for SCS. We are required to submit a new application for permit coverage to discharge stormwater into the waters of the state. We need a building from the town of Preston for construction of the receiving building, and there have been several changes to the design that require additional work. Mr. Aldridge expects the MMI Grant to be available in April, at the earliest.

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❖ **Operator Contract –**

We sent our final version of the draft Operator contract to Black Earth Compost in early February and met with them last week to resolve any areas still in question. We are in the process of working through a couple of issues requiring further clarification and agreement. We hope to have an agreement for your review and approval next month.

❖ **Discussion and Possible Action to Fund Food Waste Collection at Transfer Station**

We are about to begin the process of reviewing the SMM2 grant agreement with DEEP. That grant will supply collection equipment for regional transfer stations and schools as well as 5,000 bins for residential curbside pick-up. We are developing regional outreach plans to first engage our member town officials followed by residents, schools, and commercial/institutional organizations. Mr. Aldridge was contacted by Jill Senior requesting financial assistance for their Transfer Station collection. Mr. Aldridge raised a motion in the Executive Committee Meeting, which was approved, for SCRRRA to cover the cost of the food waste collection from three town transfer stations that are currently processing food waste for the rest of fiscal 2026 at a cost of \$1,000/month.

Motion to cover food waste composting expenses for Stonington, Ledyard, and Preston, up to \$4,000 total, to be taken out of Solid Waste Disposal, through the end of the fiscal year.

Discussion: none

Majority was in favor, Steve Masalin abstained.

(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2nd by Jill Senior)

• **Legislative Update**

Mr. Aldridge pointed out a few bills under consideration by the Environment Committee.

• **Social Security**

Last week, Ben Sedrowski, the State Social Security Administrator, held a vote of the SCRRRA employees to vote for Social Security benefits. The adjustments to the SCRRRA payroll system are complete and Mr. Sedrowski left with all necessary paperwork to complete the process.

- **Recycling/Waste Enforcement**

Mr. Aldridge has been asked to raise the issue of enforcement of contamination as it relates to recycling and the MSW stream. He suggests that making meaningful progress with either MSW or Recycling beyond outreach would require considerable time and effort. To tackle these issues, he suggests forming a subcommittee to take a deeper dive into the options.

- **Population Projections**

Mr. Aldridge, who is a member of the SECOG Solid Waste Committee has requested population projection data from SECOG.

- **Office Lease**

SCRRRA has been at 7 Hurlbutt Road for at least 5 years on a month-to-month basis. The owner has had the facility on the market for a number of years with very few potential buyers. Until something changes, we are staying for now.

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 Todd Babbitt and seconded by Stacey Leitch at 3:06PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider
Secretary