



**Minutes of the April 08, 2026, Board Meeting of the  
Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority  
Held at the Gales Ferry Office & via Teams**

**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	Alan Ladd	North Stonington Representative	V
Justin Porter	East Lyme Alternate Representative	V	Phillip Whitman	North Stonington Alternate Representative	A
Todd Babbitt	Griswold Representative	P	Brian Long	Norwich Representative	V
Stacey Leitch	Groton Representative	P	Jeff Dewey	Norwich Alternate Representative	A
Adam Puccino	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	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).

**3. CT TIRE EPR PROGRAM - JESSE SCHOFIELD**

Mr. Schofield delivered a presentation on the Tire Stewardship Program.

**4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE -**

None

5. ACT ON MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 11, 2026

**Move to Amend the Motion by Adding the word “permit” on page 2.  
Motion to Approve the Minutes.**

**Discussion: None**

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

**(Motion by Stacey Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Babbitt)**

6. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Leitch)**

7. WOOD GRINDING REPORT

The wood grinder is currently in Waterford.

8. AUTHORITY CALENDAR

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar for April & May.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

**PROJECT:**

**I. Transfer Station Roundtable Recap**

We reviewed Tire Stewardship, Transfer Station Services, discussed imbedded batteries (Ledyard), solar panels, covered the Compost facility and provided an update on current legislation.

**II. Organics Update**

• **Grant Update**

We are still waiting on DEEP for the MMI Grant, which has cleared OPM review. We have supplied DEEP with our bid documentation and will be sending them updated insurance documents when we receive our renewal. We are also awaiting a draft agreement for the SMM2 grant.

• **Bid**

We conducted a bid opening at 10:00AM today. We received three bids, which we are sending to SCS for their review and recommendation, followed by bringing them to the Executive Committee and then the Board for a final decision.

- **Operator Contract Update**

We have worked out all the outstanding issues with Black Earth Compost and will be presenting the final draft of contract and 5-year financial projections to the Executive Committee in a couple of weeks.

**III. Legislative Update**

The report lists 7 priority bills that we are tracking:

SB 147 - EPR for solar panels & vapes.

SB 5524 - Food rescue, polystyrene, single use plastics.

SB 383 - Food recovery bill from the public health committee.

SB 5154 - DEEP Permitting - sets timeline for processing of permit renewals.

SB 5157 - Establishes new timeline for tire retail participation.

SB 457 - Development of a product stewardship model for the bottle bill.

SB 516 - From the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee which calls for a reduction of the deposit from 10 cents back to 5 cents.

**IV. Health Insurance Options**

Mr. Roman went over health insurance options.

**V. HHW Non-Member Town Discussion**

In March, at the Executive Committee Meeting we discussed the issue of non-member town participation in SCRRRA HHW events. We currently do not have formal agreements with these municipalities.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - FUTURE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.**

**Motion to move into Executive Session to Discuss Future Contract Negotiations with Non-Member Towns.**

**Time in: 3:24PM**

**Discussion: none**

**Majority was in favor, Steve Masalin abstained.**

**(Motion by Todd Babbitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill Senior)**

**Time Out of Executive Session: 3:50PM 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 Todd Babbitt at 3:51PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gary Schneider  
Secretary