# Minutes of the June 10, 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 2:01 PM.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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| Joe Bragaw | East Lyme Representative | P | Alan Ladd | North Stonington Representative | A |
| Justin Porter | East Lyme Alternate Representative | A | Phillip Whitman | North Stonington Alternate Representative | A |
| Todd Babbitt | Griswold Representative | A | Brian Long | Norwich Representative | A |
| 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 | V |
| Vacancy | Ledyard Alternate Representative | A | Cheryl Blanchard | Sprague Representative | P |
| Ronald McDaniel | Montville Representative | V | Paul Copenhagen | Sprague Alternate Representative | A |
| John Carlson | Montville Alternate | A | Jill Senior | Stonington Representative | V |
| 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); Liz Chuff, SCRRRA Operations Manager (P); Robin Cano, SCRRRA Operations Administrator (P); Chris Roman, SCRRRA Finance Manager (P); Rich Barger, SCRRRA Legal Counsel (P); Jim Bolduc, SCRRRA Consultant (V) & Karen Pham from SECOG.

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

**4. ACT ON MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 13, 2026**

**Motion to Approve the Minutes.**
**Discussion: None**
**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**
**(Motion by Cheryl Blanchard, 2nd by Steve Masalin,**

**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 Stacey Leitch, 2nd by Gary Schneider)**

**6. WOOD GRINDING REPORT**

The wood grinder is currently in Stonington.

**7. AUTHORITY CALENDAR**

Mr. Aldridge reviewed the Authority Calendar for May & June and Liz Chuff reviewed the Town Survey.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**PROJECT:**

**I. Organics Update**

SCRRRA held a pre-construction meeting on May 4, 2026, to review and sign the construction contract with Suchoki and Sons. A notice to proceed was issued for June 1st. Due to scheduling, the building inspector did not review the site until Wednesday, at which time she called out several changes to the design which would need approval from the Preston Zoning Committee. The PZC does not meet until May 24, 2026, and the deadline for the agenda was Monday, June 1, 2026. We have retained the same zoning attorney that facilitated our permit in 2024 to see if we can expedite the process.

After some effective work by Rich Barger, we finally got an answer from Eversource regarding the electrical hook-up. We can use an existing line currently used as back-up by Reworld which will save us from running 1,000 feet of line from the street (which was in the construction contract).

## II. Discussion and Possible Vote on Compost Facility Operator Contract

The full agreement between BEC and SCRRRA for operating the compost facility includes the draft agreement, the Black Earth Marketing Plan, a financial pro-forma, and operating permit.

The Board of Directors passed a motion in last May's meeting to move forward with negotiations and in October the Board tasked the Executive Committee with reviewing the complete draft to then be moved to the Board for full approval.

**Whereas, the Executive Committee has, for several months, been negotiating with the principals from Black Earth Compost, LLC and;**

**Whereas, as a result of such negotiations, a contract has been prepared which the Executive Committee has reviewed in detail and at its meeting of May 28, 2026, after discussion, passed a motion recommending approval of said contract by the Board of Directors;**

**Therefore, it is hereby moved as follows:**

**Motion that the Agreement with Black Earth Composting, LLC to operate the Authority's Preston compost facility, as reviewed and amended by the Executive Committee, be hereby approved by the Authority Board of Directors and authorized for execution by the Authority's president.**
**Discussion: None**
**Majority were in favor, none were opposed.**
**(Motion by Steve Masalin, 2nd by Brian Sear)**

## III. Subcommittee for Wood Grinding Policy

In last month's Executive Committee Meeting we discussed the need to better control our brush piles and work to increase the frequency of grinder visits. It is increasingly apparent that the piles are getting much larger and that we are receiving more commercial material. To address this, the Executive Committee suggests that we create a Board Sub-Committee to develop improved policy and operations.

## IV. Flag Disposal Program

In the last Executive Committee Meeting, Stacey Leitch made the suggestion that SCRRRA manages a flag collection program in the aftermath of this year's 250 anniversary celebration to ensure proper disposal is available for our residents.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**
None

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
NONE PLANNED

11. **ADJOURNMENT**
Joe Bragaw requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Stacey Leitch and seconded by Gary Schneider at 3:03PM and was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schneider
Secretary