

# CCSWA Activity Summary 2019

Regular membership meetings are scheduled quarterly on the third Tuesday of March, June, September and December. Committees meet as needed based on the business before them. The CCSWA annual meeting was held on December 10, 2019 at 1:30 PM.

## Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority Update

CCSWA has been monitoring MIRA's negotiation efforts with the selected vendor SACYR-ROONEY. Mira President Thomas D. Kirk presented the CCSWA membership at the 12/10/2019 Membership meeting. MIRA reassured that existing municipal interests are a priority including a net cost operation fee structure and a reasonable fee for service. There are several issues to still be resolved and an agreement timeline is to be determined.

## Textile Recycling Services

Eight CCSWA member municipalities (Town of Bloomfield, Town of Bolton, Town of Cromwell, Town of East Granby, Town of Enfield, Town of Glastonbury, Town of Manchester, Town of South Windsor) currently offer textile recycling options for their residents through CCSWA's agreement with Bay State Textiles, Inc. The participating towns contract with Bay State Textiles to locate collection boxes at select town sites where residents may dispose a wide range of textile materials, including clothes, rugs, linens, shoes and stuffed animals. In addition to the benefit of diverting these materials from the MSW waste stream, the municipality receives a fee for every ton of textile material collected. 24,665 pounds of textile materials was collected from participating municipalities during Fiscal Year 2018-19.

## **2020 Goals and Objectives**

1. Facilitate increased communication and information sharing with Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Assist with implementation of State Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy.
2. Continue to monitor the process of selecting a contractor for redevelopment of the Connecticut Solid Waste System (CSWS). Advocate for a final contract that preserves for municipalities meaningful participation in the management and direction of the CSWS.
3. Facilitate cooperative curbside textile recycling procurement (pink-bag).
4. Re-visit CCSWA Bylaws to more accurately reflect current membership activities and functions.