

Central CT Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) Minutes

Full Membership Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023

2:00 p.m. EST

Members and Designees

Brandon Robertson	Avon Town Manager
Steve Hall	Bloomfield Selectman
Daniel Carter	Bloomfield Public Works
Louis Spina	Cromwell Public Works
Eden Wimpfheimer	East Granby First Selectwoman
Steve Hall	East Granby Selectman
Donald Nunes	Enfield Public Works
Kathleen Blonski	Farmington Town Manager
Russ Arnold	Farmington Public Works
Kirk Severance	Granby Public Works
Mike Looney	Hartford Public Works
Dave Stueber	Hartford – Chief of Staff to Mayor
Tim Bockus	Manchester Public Works
Tom Roy	Simsbury Public Works
Anthony (Tony) Manfre	South Windsor – Superintendent of Pollution Control
Megan Siegel	South Windsor, Pollution Control
Fred Presley	Wethersfield Town Manager
Michael Rell	Wethersfield Mayor

Staff

Matt Hart	CRCOG Executive Director
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG Chief Operating Officer
Robyn Nichols	CRCOG Principal Program Manager, MSC

Guests

Jim Frey	Resource Recycling Systems (RRS), President/Co-Founder
Brian Popovich	USA Recycling
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1. The virtual meeting was called to order by Michael Looney, CCSWA Chair, at 2:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Introductions were done.
3. There was no public comment.

4. July 17, 2023 CCSWA Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously (Motion by Tom Roy (Simsbury) and seconded by Fred Presley (Wethersfield)).
5. Michael Looney, CCSWA Chair, provided a brief report, including CCSWA Executive Committee Meeting on August 21, 2023 (e.g., focus on foundational, organizational, and programmatic efforts of CCSWA moving forward), CRCOG/CCSWA MOU, establishment of Finance Committee, setting up a meeting between CTDEEP, CRCOG Executive Director, Matt Hart, and CCSWA Chair/Vice-Chair to discuss CCSWA in line with State waste management and diversion environment, and finalized CCSWA 2023 Calendar.
6. Establishment of a CCSWA Finance Committee, including nominations, roles, and responsibilities was discussed. Pursuant to By-Laws, the Finance Committee shall consist of five (5) individuals from CCSWA membership, shall report to the Executive Committee, and shall be primarily responsible for adoption of annual CCSWA budget. The following members were nominated to serve on the Finance Committee:

Host Community – Hartford (Mike Looney)
Solid Waste Tonnage Rep – Hartford (Dave Steuber)
CCSWA Treasurer – Russ Arnold (Farmington)
Tim Bockus (Manchester)

Motion was made by Jim Rupert (Bolton) and seconded by Tom Roy (Simsbury) to accept nominations of Tim Bockus (Manchester) and Russ Arnold (Farmington) to serve on the Finance Committee. Motion was unanimously approved.

A fifth member of the Finance Committee shall be determined, nominated, and approved at a future meeting.

7. RRS Presentation by Jim Frey of CCSWA By-Laws/concurrent Ordinance and Best Practice recommendations, including (a) define Purpose consistent with concurrent Ordinance, (b) simply By-Law language (e.g., voting, membership, tiers), and (c) include program/service to scope. CCSWA Chair requested CCSWA membership provide feedback on recommended changes to By-Laws/Ordinance – deadline to submit: October 16th, 2023 to Robyn Nichols at CRCOG.
8. CRCOG Staff Reports – Robyn Nichols provided brief update on CRCOG/CCSWA MOU (submitting for CRCOG Policy Board approval on September 27, 2023), status of RWA Request for Additional Information (awaiting response from CTDEEP) and funding opportunity available through Bottle Bill Redemption Grant. Contact Robyn Nichols for additional information. Next meeting of CCSWA Executive Committee scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. ET. Meeting will be virtual.

9. Next Steps

- a. Provide By-Law/Ordinance suggestions/comments no later than October 16, 2023 – for discussion at CCSWA Executive Committee meeting
- b. Provide programmatic ideas and market-testing programs/services for CCSWA to consider

10. Motion to adjourn made by Tim Bockus (Manchester) and seconded by Tom Roy (Simsbury). Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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