

Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC)
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes 10/18/17

Board Members Present: Tom Gaffey, John Pizzimenti, Dawn Pettinelli, Pam Roach, Ray Collins, Pam Roach, Robin Bennett, Julie Cammarata, Dan McGowan, Lori Vitagliano, Rich Ireland Jr

Others present: Jen Heaton-Jones, Chuck Riegler

Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 9:11 am. Dan presiding.

Approval of July 19, 2017 & few corrections to September 20, 2017 Minutes

Tom made motion to accept, John seconded. All Approved

Treasurer's Report: No new items.

Robin brought up possibility of selling CRC items, like mugs and other sustainable items to raise funds. Perhaps could purchase through Signature Marketing? Suggest membership in CRC to them.

Budget Subcommittee (Dan, CJ & Janice): No recent updates.

Membership Subcommittee (Jen, Pam, Brian & Tom)

Breakfast series:

- Julie - ideally quarterly. Talked to DEEP about a breakfast in December on municipal ordinances – provide samples of ordinances and go over what municipalities need to do. Should be held sometime before the 16th.
- November 6th breakfast – trying to resolve issue with one of speakers.
- Jen brought up need to educate municipalities on packaging and had talked with Scott Casella at the Product Steward Institute conference in Boston about need for equal coverage from both sides of the EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) programs. We had hoped to have John Coyne (VP of External Affairs, Unilever of Canada) talk about EPR from industry perspective. It was thought he would not want to participate in a back & forth panel. Perhaps we could hold 2 breakfast meetings, each with a different view – maybe get Chaz Miller or municipalities on other side? Or both sides at our conference?
- Some topic suggestions – how manufacturers and producers support EPR, how system works, impact on costs.
- There is a Packaging Taskforce working on merits on whether we should do it in the states or not. May or may not be good for CT but we need to know more.
- How haulers and MRF operators are dealing with it – another meeting?

Funding for Breakfast meetings:

- Would the CT Product Stewardship Council be interested in funding or hosting a breakfast? Probably not.
- Can we find companies/organizations to sponsor the breakfast? – \$500 would be contributed if balanced event from Chaz Miller.
- Jen solicited \$750 for event from Winters Brothers for 11/6/17 breakfast (in a pinch HRRRA could front another \$250)

Plan of Action for November Breakfast Meeting

- Jen, Dan & Julie will contact John Coyne & Chaz Miller to explore discussion options.
- Plan A – breakfast featuring advocate & opposition for EPR – 2 separate presentations with Q & A at end of each presentation. Tom made motion for, John seconded. Approved
- Plan B – John Coyne would just present industry side with a meet & greet afterwards. Tom made motion for, Lori seconded. Approved.

CRC Annual Conference - January 17, 2018 at Aquaturf Club in Plantsville, CT

- Conference committee (Tom, Jen, Brian and Pam) will meet at end of this week or next.
- Need to decide on structuring panels, go over costs, sponsorships, \$3000 already from Dominion, also calls to Covanta for their support. (Republic bought ReCommunity)
- Will come up with list of potential sponsors, members & booths. All board members will be expected to make a couple of calls. Have about 18 potential sponsors. Need active participation.
- Topics – packaging, organics update regarding food waste, bottle bill, China not taking certain plastics
- Government officials and candidates could be invited. Panel of legislators or ask some to moderate?
- Decided to separate annual meeting from conference. At annual meeting will review bylaw changes and elections of officers.
- Breakfasts can just be done by subcommittee but annual conference should be full board.

Government Affairs (Dan, Tom, Chuck)

Have not meet since Sept meeting.

Position paper should be developed by committee and be finalized by board on model ordinance on bottle bill. CRC should have position – don't underfund it and should benefit all handlers.

Bylaws

Should circulate changes and send out to board members for comments.

No Frills Tour

- Dawn says welcome to join Friends/Laurelbrook March 31 (10-2). Email her at dawn.pettinelli@uconn.edu if interested in attending.
- Ginny looked into possibility to visit Willimantic Waste which now is recycling mattresses – they said no
- What about Waterbury? New containers – black with yellow top for mixed recycling? Will ask CJ?

WRAP – nothing new

COMPOST TRAINING FOR SMALL SYSTEM OPERATORS (Ginny, Dawn & Julie)

- Geared towards municipalities that want to take in food wastes as well as schools and other small systems. Potential date: March 7, 2018 from 9-1:30. Possibly held in Mansfield as there are composting sites at the Middle School that could be visited.
- Athena Lee Bradley would be available in March to cover managing small systems.
- Dawn will cover compost biology basics, Ginny can facilitate the field trip part. We would be offering lunch. Would there be a cost to participants and how much would a boxed/catered lunch cost?

Road base recycling

John commented on why state should mandate recycling of road base using residential roof shingles. Make a better and longer lasting road. There is no outlet for this material now even though DOT created spec to allow it in road base. Who makes this decision – DOT? Needs to be mandated thru legislature. Perhaps we can suggest putting on our legislative agenda.

Next meeting date: 11 am on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, in MIRA's Conference Room, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford.

Adjourn 11:09

**Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Pettinelli, Secretary CRC**