

Connecticut Recyclers Coalition (CRC) Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes 7/18/18

Board Members Present: Dan McGowan, Dawn Pettinelli, Tom Gaffey, Janice Erle-Meyer, John Pizzimenti, Ginny Walton, Lori Vitagliano, Pam Roach, C.J. May. Julie Cammarata also attended.

Phone In: Chuck Riegle, Jen Heaton-Jones, Rich Ireland Jr.

Call to Order: The meeting called to order at 9:07 am. Dan presiding.

Approval of June 20, 2018 minutes:

Janice moves to accept minutes with 1 change, Pam seconds. Approved. Rich & John abstain

Treasurer's Report:

- C.J. May submitted report; Ending balance as of 6/18/18 is \$33,266.98
- Fracking breakfast, was not a money maker but very useful, however.
- Had to renew PCI validation, TD Bank tied to Memberzone account but we needed to prove to TD bank that we are not holding on to credit card info or prove it is secure. CJ resolved this issue.
- Ginny moves to approve the report, John seconded, all approved

Budget: (Dan, CJ & Janice)

- Dan had emailed the final approved version from last meeting, gave a brief overview of the final changes made to budget/

Membership Subcommittee: (Jen, Pam, Brian & Tom) No new items. Events driven – we did not break even on the fracking event but CTN recorded it, so it is available ‘on demand’ and on our website. July might not be good for breakfasts moving forward because of vacation schedules.

Annual meeting:

- Sept 14, 2018, Stony Creek Brewery 10 to 1 – (Julie will work with CJ on insurance) Need to also check on food/alcohol limitations.
- Julie will see if Alexandra Dunn, the new EPA administrator for Region 1 will speak on commodity topics – is EPA taking hands off view of China policy? Julie has still not heard. If she can come, perhaps she should open meeting? – will see what her schedule is.
- Confirmed panel with Cole Rosengren from Waste Dive and also Mallory Szczepanski, editor of Waster 360. What’s happening with China not taking our wastes? Effects single stream? Tipping fees? Bottle bill? Etc. Should have a moderator for this panel.
- When to have Board composition voting – maybe first thing when everyone is there? Combine along with a brief business meeting with President’s/ year-end report.

- Room fee = \$600, Tickets - \$35 - \$40, Waiting on caterer. Hopefully will get 80 attendees.
- Awards – Julie created an online nomination form on our website – 3 categories for outstanding, innovative business & government recycling champions – website has additional information – Nominations allow for 300 – 500 words explanation plus personal information. – Anyone can nominate, but Board will select winner.
- Will close nominations at 5 pm August 10th ballots so that the Board can make final award decision at our August meeting on the 15th.
- Bylaws adoption, present what we are voting for, would announce election winners before we leave. Have ballots collected before speakers.
- Welcome, summation of business activities, give ballot to folks as they arrive. How CRC changed – more activities, hired Julie, working out well. Presidents report, treasurers report, bylaw adoption and ballot
- When will the awards be presented? After speakers? During lunch? First annual recycling awards. (Perhaps invitations could have award winners on them. Lunch – low waste)
- Also at annual meeting election of board members. Number of seats open including those held by Dawn, Ginny (may not want to serve any longer), Jen, Lori, Rich, Janice, Dan, Brian (will be resigning soon). When request for nomination of awards is sent out will also ask if any member is interesting in becoming a board member. A voting slip will be handed out at the meeting (after verifying membership) so need list of active members. Two members of the board not up for reelection will tabulate the vote. Question – one vote per member but if company is a member, how many votes?

Government Affairs (Dan, Tom, Chuck, Lori, Rich):

- Julie – legislation got inserted into bill to allow municipalities to take glass out of single stream (last legislative session). Jen – interested in doing this and got approval for doing this from HRRRA but CT DEEP does not seem thrilled about this so Julie suggested subcommittee of Gov't Affairs to create a working group on glass. Understanding is just because segregated does not mean SMI or other glass recycler will buy. They just want Bottle Bill glass as it is cleanest; no chance of ceramic in. We can't guarantee that a ceramic mug won't be put in recycling bins but the group can look at ways to be more confident in the quality of the stream (if piece of ceramic – no good). Segregation of glass should also hopefully preserve the other materials in blue bin that get contaminated by broken glass. CRC through the working group can facilitate this process. Imperative for all stake holders to be involved – Tom, Chuck and John would be good on this committee. Strategic Materials should be in group as they buy much of the recycled glass.

HRRRA – Winter's Bros takes their recycling – trying to work with DEEP to try to be collaborative but should not decide how program should be structured or run – no language that

allows DEEP at municipal levels how to collect materials just that they have to recycle. Glass is mandated recyclable by law. Municipalities have to supply way for residents to recycle, so don't put in bin bring to recycling center, etc. Jen trying to work with other municipalities so will be transparent. Also even NERC not happy that glass will be taken out of blue bin.

DEEP have not offered any solutions so far on what to do about contamination problem – Tom. We need to find ways to get cleaner glass to market. But Ginny asked about if glass brought to MRF would there be a way to run it as a single stream. Jen not sending glass to MRF – Someone would provide containers and pick up and bring back to the processor/recycling center. Or residents would bring to transfer station and then pick up. Ginny's region also looking to clean things up so thinking of program. S. Windsor reached out to Julie about glass.

We should have update about glass recycling at annual meeting – can be put in CRC summary.

Jun from DEEP – what she was doing was against their solution – so govt want businesses to take out glass, they should not be mandated. Issue is glass as contaminant and DEEP does not want to accept fact that glass should not go into single stream (Canada already did) glass breaks and needs to be taken out so would reuse glass and also the other stuff would be cleaner – DEEP seems to be in denial. Single stream not the solution.

Law goes into effect Oct 1 – actual pilot program can be launched but planning can start before. Board interest in being on first call for working group – Pam, Dan, Chuck & Ginny, Pam, Janice, - Julie will send out doodlepoll. CRC should send letter to commissioner about support for Jen's program if she gets pushback from DEEP.

Bylaws (Ginny & Kim):

- Final version distributed (can see changes). Membership will vote on. Should there be a summary or can Ginny just review like she did at board meeting. Maybe can send out an email with a summary/rationale. Ginny will write up and will be sent out prior to the meeting.
- Vote by board to accept changes that the board has approved and say will be put up as vote to be approved by 2/3s of members at annual meeting. Tom move, Janice 2nd. Approved unanimously.

NO FRILLS TOURS:

- Plainfield renewable energy – wood picked out at MRF and taken to processor to remove contaminants so wood can be used as fuel under EPA standards – not just a biomass plant. No trees cut down but wood from trimmings, storm damage, land clearing activities from solar developments, etc. [Julie still has not heard, will contact again.](#)
- Envipco – bottle bill machines being made – Naugatuck – should we go. Maybe end of August
- Master Composters Friends/Laurelbrook Nov 3 10 – 2 (Send to Julie)

WRAP (Dan):

- Final report about their pilot program being finalized and should be distributed soon.
- Town of Mansfield proposed ordinance for plastic bag ban – need to go to town counsel. (Several other towns looking to ban as well – Newtown, etc) Lawyers need to look over.

Compost Pilot: (Ginny Walton & Gabrielle Frigon)

- A permit not drafted yet from Gabrielle from DEEP, Dan and Ginny would like to meet with them but Gabrielle said wait for draft. Would meeting spur things into motion – probably Robert Isner would set priorities at DEEP. Would it be good for CRC board to write letter to Klee & cc Isner & Frigon to request movement on CRC pilot which would benefit our municipalities.
- Need more input from DEEP about food waste composting at local transfer stations. DEEP just seems to want to segregate food wastes from local leaf facilities.
- As far as Mansfield goes, she said not enough food to worry about (about 40 people) bringing food scraps to transfer station so can keep going.
- Webinar from DEEP on composting - also ILSR webinar – this past M & T, Jen on DEEP one about her municipal food waste drop off, classes – recorded so on CT DEEP website. Biggest hurdle is comfort in composting.
- CJ – how to promote composting as a municipal employee – could Ginny and I do train the trainer. (maybe a breakfast on composting)

Other Items:

Tom – chance that CRC could get nominations for governor? Need someone as moderator who understands these issues. October maybe? Recycling in CT – issues/problems. Possible Breakfast

Recycling has to be economically driven! Disposal facilities in NE are shutting down. What are MRFs to do – Ohio or Kentucky but now trucking problem with # trucks & # drivers. So this really has to be dealt with.

Next meeting date: 9 am on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, in MIRA's Conference Room, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford.

Future 2018 Board Meeting Schedule:

8/15/2018

9/14/2018 – Annual Meeting – Stony Brook Brewery in Naugatuck/Branford?

10/17/2018

11/14/2018

12/19/2018

10:56 am. Tom made motion to adjourn, John second, All Approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Pettinelli, Secretary CRC