

**Central CT Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) Minutes**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Monday, May 19, 2025**

**2:00 p.m. EST**

**Members and Designees**

Russ Arnold	Farmington Public Works
Christopher Hayes	Hartford Public Works
Nana Adjei	Hartford Public Works
Tim Bockus	Manchester Public Works
Scott Atkin	Manchester Public Works
Tom Roy	Simsbury Public Works

**Staff**

Matt Hart	CRCOG Executive Director
Robyn Nichols	CRCOG Principal Program Manager, MSC

**Guests**

Charles Paonessa	RECONNstruction Center
Tim Parola	RECONNstruction Center
Ginny Walton	Mansfield Recycling Coordinator
Chris Antonacci	USA Recycling
Madelyn Hart	USA Recycling

1. The virtual meeting was called to order by Tom Roy, CCSWA Vice-Chair, at 2:02 p.m.
2. Quorum was confirmed.
3. There was no public comment.
4. CCSWA January 27, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were approved (Motion by Russ Arnold (Farmington) and seconded by Tim Bockus (Manchester)).
5. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) provided a brief background of Round 2 of the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant opportunity for funding through CT DEEP, followed by a presentation by Ginny Walton (Mansfield) and Charles Paonessa (RECONNstruction Center) proposing a CRCOG-led grant application for a regional building material reuse program. A detailed presentation of the potential grant

application and proposed budget, along with a candid Q&A followed discussing the benefits, costs, and concerns of a regional building material reuse facility and program. A motion was made by Christopher Hayes (Harford) and seconded by Tim Bockus (Manchester) for CRCOG to apply for a regional building material reuse facility/program through Round 2 of the CT DEEP Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant opportunity. The Motion passed unanimously and the application will be brought before the Full CCSWA Membership at the June 2025 meeting for support.

6. There was no CCSWA Chair Report.

7. CRCOG Staff Reports

- a. Robyn Nichols (CROCG) provided background for another potential grant opportunity through Round 2 of the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) program to establish regional food waste collection and diversion programs and services. After discussion, a motion was made to support CRCOG to apply for a sustainable materials management grant to support organics diversion through a variety of methods, including food waste collection/various types of containers and locations. Motion was made by Tim Bockus (Manchester) and Russ Arnold (Farmington) seconded. The motion carried.
- b. Robyn Nichols (CROCG) requested that CCSWA provide letters of support for each of the proposed SMMR2 Grant Applications. Motion to approve CCSWA providing letters of support was made by Tim Bockus (Manchester) and seconded by Russ Arnold (Farmington). Motion carried.
- c. Robyn Nichols/Matt Hart (CROCG) provided an update on the extension of the CROCG/CCSWA MOU extending the agreement for CROCG to act as and provide administrative services and support on behalf of CCSWA for an additional two (2) years. Motion to approve the CROCG/CCSWA MOU was made by Tim Bockus (Manchester) and seconded by Russ Arnold (Farmington). Motion carried.
- d. Robyn Nichols (CROCG) stated that the CROCG/CCSWA website has been updated and is available for public access.
- e. Robyn Nichols (CROCG) provided an update on responses and received to CROCG RWA Project RFP for consulting, evaluation, planning, education and outreach, and implementation services. The RWA Evaluation Committee will be reviewing and scoring the submissions.

- f. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) stated that all recipients of the CTDEEP RWA grant funds met at CTDEEP on May 12, 2025 to discuss their grant status, progress, and ability to potentially collaborate once all studies have been completed.
8. Tom Roy (CCCSWA Vice-Chair) noted the next CCSWA Full Membership Meeting will be held on June 16, 2025.
9. Tom Roy (CCCSWA Vice-Chair) also noted that CCSWA Membership Dues statements will be coming out in July of 2025.
10. Motion to adjourn was made. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**CRCOG DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY OR  
LANGUAGE.**

Individuals may request auxiliary aids and/or language assistance by contacting (860) 522-2217 x4293 as soon as possible. Un interprete estará disponible para esta reunión si usted lo solicita al 860-522-2217, x4293, lo más pronto posible. Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumacza na język polski, zadzwoń (860) 522-2217, x4293 jak najszybciej. Esta es una reunión virtual. Para mayor información sobre la conexión, por favor contactar a Karen Stewartson al correo electrónico: [kstewartson@crcog.org](mailto:kstewartson@crcog.org)  
To będzie zebranie zdalne. O informacji o odpowiednim linku internetowym poprosimy kontaktować Karen Stewartson na adres e-mail [kstewartson@crcog.org](mailto:kstewartson@crcog.org) lub pod numerem telefonu 860-724-4293