

Central CT Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2025

2:00 p.m. EST

Members and Designees

Russ Arnold	Farmington Public Works
Heriberto Santos-Benitez	Hartford Public Works
Scott Atkin	Manchester Public Works
Tom Roy	Simsbury Public Works
Fred Presley	Wethersfield Town Manager

Staff

Robyn Nichols	CRCOG Principal Program Manager, MSC
Sonya Carrizales	CRCOG Environmental Planner

Guests

Jesse Schofield	Connecticut Tire Stewardship
Daniel Pestrichello	USA Recycle
Brian Popovich	USA Recycle
Kristina Owen	Somers Public Works

1. The virtual meeting was called to order by Fred Presley, CCSWA Chair, at 2:01 p.m.
2. Quorum was confirmed.
3. There was no public comment.
4. CCSWA September 15, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were approved (Motion by Tom Roy (Simsbury), seconded by Russ Arnold (Farmington)). Minutes were approved unanimously.
5. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) provided a brief introduction to Jesse Schofield (CT Tire Stewardship (CTTS)). CT Tire Stewardship is a non-profit organization created in response to CT Tire EPR State law (2023) to create a Tire Stewardship Organization. Implementation of Tire EPR is effective March 21, 2026 to support collection, process, and/or reuse of millions of tires entering the CT market, many of which are illegally dumped. CTSS is developing a system to assist municipalities with collection points, educational materials – the program will be offered free of charge to municipalities. A

discussion of the program logistics and next steps for interested municipalities (esp. DPW/Transfer Stations) included types of tires eligible, collection points, costs, and program management. For additional information on the Tire Stewardship Program, additional materials and contact information have been provided in the Presentation Materials.

6. There was no CCSWA Chair Report.

7. CRCOG Staff Reports

- a. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) provided an update on the applications under the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant through CTDEEP. CRCOG was awarded an SMMR2 Grant in the amount of \$440,300 to support Regional Food Waste Collection, Diversion and Equipment to support members of our regional waste authority. CRCOG's second application for a regional building material reuse program was not chosen for funding this round; however, interest in pursuing smaller pilot programs with interested municipalities and the RECONN Center continues.
- b. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) provided an update on responses to the RWA Member Survey (25 of 38 CRCOG member communities responded) and next steps on the RWA Planning and Implementation Project. Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Project, a \$570,000 grant from CTDEEP. The RWA Project includes two (2) phases, including a Planning Phase and Implementation Phase. Quarterly Progress and Financial Reports are provided to CTDEEP.
- c. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) provided an update on RWA Project Budget spend to date and CCSWA budget.
- d. Robyn Nichols (CRCOG) noted that the CCSWA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2025. Members interested in running for an Office or Executive Committee are encouraged to submit their information to Robyn Nichols to finalize the election ballot.

8. Motion to adjourn was made by Russ Arnold (Farmington) and seconded by Tom Roy (Simsbury). Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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