



**Connecticut Product Stewardship Council
Minutes
December 13, 2016**

ATTENDEES: Pamela Roach (Take2), Winston Averill (SCRRRA), Sherrill Baldwin (DEEP), Tom Scelfo (North Branford); Brian Bartram (Northwest Hills COG), Dan McGowan (Branford), Lori Vitagliano (HazWaste Central), Peg Hall (Consultant), Cheryl Reedy (HRRRA), Scott Cassel (PSI), Tess Zinnes (PSI).

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman B. Bartram at 1:03pm.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by D. McGowan, second by C. Reedy, to approve the agenda as presented. **Vote:** All members in favor.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by: D. McGowan, second by C. Reedy, to approve the November minutes with the below amendments.

Vote: All members in favor.

- Revise spelling of “McGowan”
- Change B. Bartram’s affiliation from “Salisbury” to “Northwest COG”.
- Revise “resume” to “assume”
- Update bottom of page one to read “until the July PSC meeting” instead of “ until July 1st”

PRODUCT PRIORITIZATION

- C. Reedy provided an overview of the product prioritization survey results, which included the following highlights:
 - A total of 13 responses (9 voting members, 3 non-voting members, and 1 anonymous member)
 - Tires, Pharmaceuticals, and Framework legislation were the top three priority areas identified by voting members
 - Tires, Pharmaceuticals, and Smoke Detectors were the top three priority areas identified by non-voting members
- W. Averill stated that tires are not a challenge in his region. Several others agreed that tires are not a main waste issue for their municipalities either. B. Bartram and D. McGowan saw tires as important given their prevalence.
- C. Reedy suggested selecting 3 to 5 of the top product priorities identified by voting members for the group to focus on during the 2017 legislative session, while also recommending that the group should discuss how to move other product priority areas forward so that action can be taken during the 2018 legislative session.
- W. Averill and C. Reedy agreed that finding a champion for each of the top product areas identified by the survey would allow each region to focus on the product priority that most interests them.
- Several call participants stated that pharmaceutical disposal is gaining traction in Connecticut and across the nation, which could help build a diverse coalition of stakeholders.
- The state must first adopt the federal rule if CTPSC is going to work on pharmaceuticals as a product priority. Several members emphasized a need to reach out to Ross Bunnell (CT DEEP) if we are going to work on pharmaceuticals.

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- S. Cassel recommended that the group consider making framework legislation as the second product priority since the survey indicated interest and because DEEP is likely to make it a priority in the 2017 legislative session. The goal of framework legislation is to establish EPR as the way to manage products in the state. Once passed, the legislature does not have to debate whether EPR is the best approach. It would only decide, based on DEEP analysis, if the agency is authorized to develop an EPR program for the next product on the list. Framework is viewed as an efficient way to work in the legislative context, although industry opposition will likely be strong unless a product is specifically not included in the framework bill.

Next Steps:

- PSI will send its framework legislation report to the group that was written for Rhode Island DEM.
- B. Bartram will ask T. Metzner to discuss the tires stewardship issue on the next CTPSC call.
- CTPSC will form a pharmaceutical disposal working group chaired by C. Reedy, who will be supported by L. Vitagliano. The working group will identify product specific challenges and devise a set of recommended next steps to share with the group within the next few months.
- B. Bartram and D. McGowan will speak to Lee Sawyer, Legislative Liaison at DEEP, to determine DEEP's legislative priorities and how the CTPSC can work together with DEEP.

VICE CHAIR ELECTION

- C. Reedy, W. Averill, and B. Bartram nominated D. McGowan as Vice Chair. D. McGowan nominated C. Reedy, who graciously declined. The group voted on making D. McGowan Vice Chair. **Vote:** All members in favor.

FUNDRAISING

- S. Cassel appealed to the group to focus on PSC fundraising so that PSI can continue to assist the group.
- Amount raised to date: \$2,200 (HRRRA), \$300 (Town of Lebanon), and \$500 (Town of Branford)
- Goal to raise: \$7,000
- L. Vitagliano announced that HazWaste Central will be able to contribute funds for membership. PSI will send an invoice.

Next Steps:

- W. Averill and B. Bartram will finalize a fundraising PowerPoint.
- B. Bartram will ask his Board for PSC membership funds in January
- P. Hall will contact the Town of Waterbury for PSC membership funds.
- PSI will send L. Vitagliano/HazWaste Central the information she needs to come on board as a PSC member.

OTHER ITEMS

- Time did not allow for additional agenda items to be raised.

NEXT CALL

- January 10th from 1-2pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by B. Bartram at 2:05 pm.