



Connecticut Product Stewardship Council
Minutes - DRAFT
June 13, 2017

ATTENDEES: Dan McGowan (Branford), Jen Heaton-Jones (HRRRA), Ginny Walton (Mansfield), Tom Metzner (DEEP), Tom Scelfo (North Branford), Alicea Charamut (CT River Watershed Council), Brian Bartram (Northwest Hills), Peg Hall (Consultant), Marty Mador (River Alliance/Sierra Club), Scott Cassel (PSI), and Tess Zinnes (PSI).

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman D. McGowan at 1:05pm.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

Motion by: B. Bartram, second by D. McGowan to approve the agenda as presented.
Vote: All members in favor.

FUNDRAISING

- CTPSC surpassed its \$7,000 funding goal. Additional funds will be applied to PSI’s FY18 contract.

Next Steps:

- D. McGowan will send a doodle poll to coordinate an administrative call in June. Ideally the meeting will be on June 27th after the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) meeting ends. The group will vote on PSI’s scope and discuss the letter of agreement, among other items.

VOTE ON PSI FY18 SCOPE OF WORK

- PSI was unable to cover its costs in FY17, but completed the scope as committed.
- S. Cassel provided an overview of the scope which includes **attached**:
 - The coordination of 8 monthly calls with two PSI staff members
 - PSI Membership and Partnership Benefits
 - Technical support
 - Support with legislation lobbying letters

Next Steps:

- **PSI** will update the scope to depict the contract date as beginning on July 1st.
- **A. Nicholson** will send CTPSC a fundraising projection for next year based upon expected renewals of existing memberships.
- **PSI** will provide CTPSC with an itemized budget of the scope (e.g., calls, technical assistance, membership benefits, cost per hour/person). **S. Cassel** will discuss this item with A. Nicholson.

PRIORITY AREAS

- **Bottle Bill:** (Updates provided by J. Heaton-Jones)
 - S.B. 996 was successfully blocked and died this session. S.B. 5618 was also not passed.
 - A study was proposed on the Bottle Bill, which will hopefully go through next year. Senator Minor supports the study. The study would be organized by a task force that is lead by a municipal representative. J. Heaton-Jones was offered this task force leadership role and she will accept if a task force is created. It is unclear as to how the Bottle Bill would affect the budget.

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Next Steps:

- **J Heaton-Jones** will send additional Bottle Bill details via email to the group.
- Packaging Task Force: (Updates provided by T. Metzner)
 - Several CTPSC members were at the May 25th Task Force meeting. G. Walton announced at the meeting that Mansfield's costs went down as a result of the Pay as you Throw program, but qualified her statement by highlighting that issues still exist.
 - Mayor Leclerc of East Hartford announced several issues she has with EPR at the Task Force meeting. These comments stem from the Mayor's negative experience with mattresses EPR. The Mayor's main issues are related to problems with the mattress program's contractor. However, the Mayor also has an issue with the assessment that she referred to as a tax. Marilyn Cruz-Aponte will attempt to educate Mayor Leclerc about the benefits of EPR.
 - Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) was silent at meeting, which most likely is because Mayor Leclerc is on their board and she is not an EPR supporter.
 - **The next task force meeting is June 21st from 12pm-2pm.** The meeting will focus on brand owner and industry perspectives. T. Metzner recommended that CTPSC members attend the meeting since industry will likely point to a need for greater government involvement and pushback on EPR as a solution. Industry meeting attendees will include: AmeriPen, Grocery Manufacturers Association, Consumer Technology Association, Coke, and Nestle.
 - D. McGowan reached out Donna Hamzy (CCM) to get them on board to support this issue, but he did not receive a response.

Next Steps:

- **Members** are encouraged to reach out to CCM to educate them about EPR and build support.
- Tires: (Updated provided by T. Metzner)
 - The bill did not go anywhere this year. Senator Ritter said that if the stakeholders (e.g., RMA, tire processors, Flexi Pave, etc.) couldn't agree on what components to include in a tire stewardship program bill, then he will pass a bill next year without their input.
 - Next session is a short session, but this should not be a barrier to passing the bill.
- Connecticut Recycled Paint Project: (Updates provided by S. Cassel and T. Zinnes)
 - The main motivator behind this project came from Senator Minor. The Senator is concerned that recycled paint is not being sold in the state. The Senator threatened to limit PaintCare's surplus by adding controls in the legislation if the American Coatings Association (ACA) didn't step forward to examine the source of this issue. As a result, PSI was brought in to plan a multi-stakeholder dialogue meeting in September to help develop recycled paint solutions. The meeting will be used to develop consensus on the problems, the goals, the barriers to achieving those goals, and solutions to overcome the barriers.
 - Problems that the project addresses include:
 - 1) There are no retail stores in CT that carry recycled paint; leftover paint collected in CT is being processed and sold as recycled paint in other states or exported.
 - 2) There are no recycled paint manufacturers that have business operations in CT.
- Pharmaceuticals:
 - No legislative updates at this time.

Next Steps:

- **D. McGowan** will reach out to C. Reedy for legislative updates and will then share updates with the group.

NEXT CALL

- T. Zinnes is moving to Singapore and will be replaced by [Sarah Bonelli](#) who will coordinate CTPSC calls.
- The next call will be on Tuesday, July 11th from 1-2pm.