



**Connecticut Product Stewardship Council  
Minutes  
March 14, 2017**

**ATTENDEES:** Dan McGowan (Branford), Cheryl Reedy (HARRA), Jen Heaton-Jones (HARRA), Tom Metzner (DEEP), Alicea Charamut (CT River Watershed Council), Tom Scelfo (North Branford), Winston Averill (SCRARRA), Scott Cassel (PSI), and Tess Zinnes (PSI).

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Motion by:** C. Reedy, second by J. Heaton-Jones, to approve the agenda as presented. **Vote:** All members in favor. All passed

**PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Motion by:** C. Reedy, second by D. McGowan, to approve the February minutes.  
**Vote:** All members in favor.

**FUNDRAISING**

- Fundraising Update and Chair Fundraising Appeal Letter
  - T. Zinnes provided the following fundraising updates:
    - The Recycle CT Innovation proposal that PSI submitted on behalf of CTPSC was distributed to the group in the March 13<sup>th</sup> email call reminder.
    - PSI received \$1,200 from the Northwest Hills COG on 3/13/17. T. Zinnes thanked B. Bartram for helping to bring the COG on board as a paying member.
    - CTPSC is only \$1,000 short of meeting its \$7,000 goal. PSI is waiting to receive payment for several previously submitted invoices, which will help bring the group closer to its fundraising goal.
    - PSI drafted a Chair Fundraising Appeal Letter, which appeals to Connecticut municipalities and regional governments to reserve funds in their next budget to financially support CT PSC.
- Proposed Solution to Double-Counting
  - The group discussed the issue of double-payments, which was raised on the February call. PSI's Amanda Nicholson, Director of Finance and Operations, explained that PSI's membership fees were originally structured for individual agencies. Both multi-town organizations and individual towns are separate entities. There is a cost to provide services to both of these separate entities. PSI is open to negotiating on a case by case basis if a town or multi-town organization is hesitant to join due to this concern.

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### Next Steps:

- **PSI** will update the following items on the Chair Fundraising Appeal letter before sending it out to D. McGowan.
  - Spelling of D. McGowan's last name
  - Updating D. McGowan's phone number to (203) 315-0622
- **Members of the group** should present the Chair Fundraising Appeal letter internally and work through their agency's budget processes to include CTPSC funds in their budgets **(attached)**.
- **D. McGowan** will:
  - Contact out to John DiCarlo (Naugatuck COG) for membership funding
  - Contact Mark Bobman (Bristol Facility Policy Board) for membership funding
  - Contact L. Vitagliano to request contact information for the Town of Woodbridge
  - Discuss the double-counting issue with A. Nicholson to determine next steps.
  - Send out the Chair Fundraising Appeal letter to potential new CTPSC members
- **W. Averill** will contact:
  - Kim O'Rourke (Town of Middletown) to request membership funding
  - Mark Bobman (Bristol Facility Policy Board) to reinforce D. McGowan's fundraising request

### CTPSC LETTERHEAD

- M. Mador is cleaning up the CTPSC contacts list to identify the group's current list of members. The member list will be incorporated into the letterhead.

### Next Steps:

- **J. Heaton-Jones, D. McGowan, and M. Mador** will finalize the letterhead.

### PRIORITY AREAS

- Pharmaceuticals:
  - C. Reedy shared that GL 5077 was voted out of Committee and is *not* a product stewardship bill since it now allows the Commissioner of Consumer Protection to accept unused prescription drugs. However, this opportunity will allow for retail pharmacy collection, which is a first step to attaining EPR. The bill was referred to the Legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis. CTPSC will wait for the bill to come out of the Legal Office of Fiscal Analysis and then assess how the bill will play out in the legislature.
- Framework legislation:
  - C. Reedy recounted that there were plenty of testimonies submitted in-person and online. Opposition stemmed from industry groups and much of the pushback came from the belief that the legislation targets packaging. The bill seems to be missing from the website and did not get voted out of the Committee. T. Metzner stated that the bill's messaging was not clear and that this is something that needs to be refined in the future.
  - S. Cassel reminded the group that PSI, DEEP, and HRRRA submitted testimony.
- Tires:
  - C. Reedy outlined the following update to the group:
    - The bill voted on includes the words "Product Stewardship" in its title, but the bill is not actually product stewardship and requests that DEEP conduct a study that they previously conducted in 2016. T. Metzner believes that regulations are needed to define what types of tires are covered by the legislation. Rep. Ritter is in support of the bill, which will create 100 local jobs.

- A. Charamut reported that when she met with Sen. Miner he explained his aversion to tire EPR based off of his experience with the paint program. A. Charamut will be sending a letter to Sen. Miner at the end of the week and invites CTPSC member to sign on.

**Next Steps:**

- A. Charamut will be sending a letter to Sen. Miner at the end of the week and invites CTPSC member to sign on. For those interested, please contact [A. Charamut](#).
- Paint: T.
  - Metzner reiterated the paint updates from CTPSC's February call (please refer to February call notes).
- Bottle Bill:
  - D. McGowan stated that [S.B. 996](#) and [H.B. 5618](#) are two bills that are at odds with one another. One adds a redemption fee and the other replaces the deposit with a fee with funds that go to DEEP for recycling. A. Charamut recounted that redemption centers spoke in favor of raising the fee at the public hearing and that Coca Cola spoke against 5618. Sen. Demico and Sen. Kennedy favor keeping the Bottle Bill. D. McGowan would like to submit testimony against the bills and requested a testimony to use as a base.

**Next Steps:**

- C. Reedy will send D. McGowan HRRRA's bottle bill testimony to use as a base for a CTPSC testimony.
- Smoke detectors:
  - W. Averill shared that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission does not see smoke detectors as an issue and that the devices can be thrown in the trash.

**Next Steps:**

- CTPSC is looking for a member to conduct research and identify next steps for this priority product. Please contact [Tess Zinnes](#) if you are interested.

**NEXT CALL/ADJOURNMENT**

- Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm
- The meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm.