

Connecticut Product Stewardship Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority
211 Murphy Road
Hartford, CT 06114

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. Those present included, T. Metzner (DEEP), S. Baldwin (DEEP), E. Silva (DEEP), B. Bartram (NWCOG), E. Reagan (SSRRA), B. Parker (Manchester), K. O'Rourke (Middletown), C. Reedy (HRRRA), J. Iannucci (HRRRA), W. Averill (SCRRA). On the phone: M. Mador (Sierra), S. Cassel (PSI), L. Vitagliano (RWA)

DEEP contract with the Product Stewardship Institute

S. Baldwin gave a brief update on the current contract between DEEP and the Product Stewardship Institute. The contract is signed and PSI will assist in evaluating current EPR programs in place as well as moving to implement programs with carpet, batteries, pesticides and packaging.

S. Cassel added that the contract offers many opportunities for the State of CT to take EPR to a new level bringing more stakeholders to the table and making CT a leader and the main focal point of EPR to come. There is still a need for additional funding for PSI.

DEEP update on Mattresses

S. Baldwin shared the invitation for the February 4th Mattress Recycling Council Stakeholder Meeting that will take place at the CRRRA Trash Museum from 1:00-2:30pm. S. Baldwin suggested if anyone has any mattress issues they should contact Mike O'Donnell directly. The plan for implementation is due July of 2014. S. Cassel shared that PSI recently submitted a proposal to ISPA and that PSI can help with any possible issues with the mattress program as well. E. Reagan asked if anyone has thought of or talked to colleges about their off campus locations and what happens to mattresses from those locations when student residents leave. It was suggested that he reach out to the schools and invite them to the table.

DEEP update on Tires

S. Cassel spoke about the possible upcoming need to dispose of tires with the Sterling Plant closure. The closing has and will create a greater need for more markets and space for EPR. If PSI were to help implement an EPR program, funding would be needed. Tires are not part of the current contract with DEEP. S. Baldwin pointed out that tires were #6 on the priority list. With mattresses well underway, it's now #5. T. Metzner explained that if the tires don't go to Sterling they will be taken out of state, most likely Maine. The movement around tires is really focused on the reuse side. However, there are many cases of illegal dumping, illegal private business dealings and improper disposal methods from consumers because of cost associated with the disposal. T. Metzner shared that the State of Rhode Island is interested in tire EPR. S. Cassel explained the cost to set-up an initial meeting to get the ball rolling would cost between \$8k-\$10k. This would also pay for the background information needed to facilitate additional meetings. A dialog meeting with Stakeholders would cost an additional \$15k-\$20k per meeting, taking into account that 80% of the work is done outside of the meeting, networking, researching and coordinating. S. Cassel does not believe it will take a lot to form legislation. PSI believes tire manufactures should be encouraged to come to the table and also financially

contribute to the dialog since they will ultimately benefit from a program as well. S. Cassel will follow-up with Rhode Island and reconnect with California. T. Metzner believes VT may be interested in tires and feels the program could be taken on as a region. It was asked if EPA has any interest to help support and fund PSI involvement. Perhaps someone should reach out to Region 2 / NY. C. Reedy shared that it's easier to get funding from Municipalities and Regions when there is a financial incentive and/or impact. HRRRA members have not expressed a concern or issue with tires. T. Metzner suggested that the CT PSC sit down with Henry Hillman from Tri-State Flexi-Pave. L. Vitagliano will look into the impact tires have had with the Water Authority. It was also suggested that CT PSC invite tire brokers to the next meeting to get their feedback on the industry and where tires are going. J. Iannucci agreed to follow-up with H. Hillman and the brokers to begin a dialog. S. Baldwin shared a hard copy of DEEP's Snapshot of Scrap Tire Management in CT PowerPoint. It will be attached to the minutes.

C. Reedy update on Batteries

C. Reedy shared that she reached out to Duracell which is located in Bethel a member town of HRRRA and with support from PSI has had several conference calls to talk about battery EPR in CT. There is a stakeholder meeting planned for the spring that will take place at Duracell. It was determined that legislation could not be passed this session due to the timing. California and Minnesota are pushing for legislation for the second time, and Vermont is currently pushing for primary battery EPR for the first time. C. Reedy will share the VT model legislation with the group. S. Cassel thanked all those who contributed to the battery funding to get the talks started, i.e. SCRRRA, RWA and HRRRA. S. Cassel will work with W. Averill and J. Iannucci to gain support and interest from the larger body of CT PSC.

Carpet – What's next

T. Metzner shared that the carpet dialog will be more national and more broadcast. The language for carpet legislation will be closer to Minnesota's than California's. S. Baldwin asked everyone to save the following dates for a potential carpet forum, 4/29, 4/30, 5/1.

Setting regular meetings (4x a year)

J. Iannucci will set regular scheduled meetings for the rest of the year. The hope is to have more opportunity for dialog among towns and regions through-out the state and create a solid foundation for the council that is more structured and organized. S. Baldwin raised the need to have more partnership and communication with CRC.

W. Averill update on the CTPSC Website

W. Averill presented the new CT PSC website. He obtained funding from Covanta to create and publish the site. It is currently under construction, the shell of the site is near completion and some content has been added. There was a discussion of where content can be pulled from and who might write needed content for the site. C. Reedy volunteered to take on the battery page.

Additional discussion continued regarding adding what is Product Stewardship, and why support it, how to join and that it is free, links to other PSC sites, links to DEEP and posting meeting dates and minutes. There was a suggestion of adding a Blog to the site and have testimonial like for example Pascal could write about the mattress industry and the experience of being a recycler in the state and how passing EPR for mattresses created job etc. It was also suggested that a logo be created. J. Iannucci showed some examples of possible ideas. It was also suggested to try to incorporate the Charter Oak into the logo.

Items to be Raised by Members

B. Bartram asked if Freon-bearing appliances have been thought of as an EPR product. The response from many was that it hasn't and that manufacturers of the Freon unit are almost always a different company than the main unit itself. There was additional discussion about Freon being replaced by R12 and R22.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.