

Connecticut Product Stewardship Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 11:00 a.m.
Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority
211 Murphy Road
Hartford, CT 06114

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 a.m. Those present included, S. Baldwin (DEEP), K. O'Rourke (Middletown), P. Roach (Hamden) G. Walton (Mansfield), C.J. May (Individual), C. Reedy (HRRRA), J. Iannucci (HRRRA), W. Averill (SCRRRA). On the phone: B. Bartram (NWCOG),

Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2014

Motion by C. Reedy second by K. O'Rourke, to approve the minutes of January 14, 2014 as presented. Vote: All in favor

CT PSC Website

W. Averill presented an update on the new CT PSC website. There is a need for members to help with content for specific products. Currently the products that need to be covered are pharmaceuticals, , packaging, tires and carpet (which needs to be added to the site).

Members should contact W. Averill. The members discussed setting a deadline to launch the site. Anyone who wishes to help and contribute ideas can visit the site at

<http://64.27.63.162/~ctproduc/>

CT PSC Logo

J. Iannucci shared several logo concepts with the members. The logos will be sent to members to vote on via email.

Battery Meeting Update

C. Reedy shared an update on batteries. There have been several calls to discuss dates and locations for a national dialogue Stakeholder meeting. The expected attendance will be around

75 people and tentatively will be held at DEEP Headquarters on June 11th and 12th. The second day of the meeting will depend on industry funding. The goal is to create an all battery program. PSI has been hired by DEEP to draft model legislation and the briefing document.

Thermostat Recycling

S. Baldwin gave an update on thermostats. The Thermostat Recycling Council (TRC) must submit a self reflection to DEEP by April 1st. The purpose of the reflection is to review how thermostat recycling is going in the state. They will need to report how many thermostats have been collected since the program started and how much of what was collected was recycled. There was discussion from members of their own experience of collected thermostats at HHW days compared to battery collection. S. Baldwin asked J. Iannucci to share her thoughts and ideas on how to better the program.

Mattresses

S. Baldwin shared that the mattress industry is requesting a change in the Bill. They have issues with how fees are remitted wanting to make it easier for retailers. They also want to make a change to the electronic system and the time frame that now takes 6 months. This change would be an internal administrative change at DEEP. There is not legislative support to change the Bill.

Carpet Meeting

S. Baldwin gave a brief update on carpets. An invitation for the carpet meeting will go out shortly for May 14th and 15th. If you pre-register you will receive the briefing document and if you don't you will not. She has been on several calls. There has been a issue raised by the recyclers regarding the material the carpet industry has been using to manufacture new carpet with nylon 6-6 and nylon 6 as well as PET. The recycling industry can't recycle carpet made with either product.

Lunch sponsorship for Carpet Meeting

J. Iannucci clarified that the CRC has offered to donate \$500 towards the carpet meeting lunch. The CT PSC would like to contribute an additional \$500 through its members. Members should contact J. Iannucci or W. Averill if they are interested in donating toward the lunch. S. Baldwin will reach out to the Director of SCRRRA. S. Baldwin did reach out to the Sierra Club and was turned down.

Raised H.B. No. 5392 – collection and disposal of unused pharmaceuticals

S. Baldwin gave a brief update on the House Bill regarding unused medication. The Bill would require all police stations to install a lock box for residents to use 24/7 and drop off material anonymously. This Bill was brought by Consumer Protection and needs more structure.

Adjournment

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 12:30p.m.