

## TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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## WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE HYBRID MEETING

**Monday, February 26, 2024** 4:00 P.M.

## **Minutes**

- I. CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order at 4:07p.m. Present: Carl Fortuna, Diane Stober, John Lundeen, Barry O'Nell and Morgan Bubello
- II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC No comments.
- **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from January 22, 2024 as amended. *A MOTION was made to approve the minutes*.

O'NELL/STOBER MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- IV. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD
  - **A.** Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) *Mr.* Fortuna spoke about the MIRA budget meeting scheduled for February 22, 2024 on the disbursing of fees following the closing of the MIRA site. Some members propose using the fees to reclaim the old site others propose using the fees to offset tipping fees for the towns having a legal agreement to be supported by MIRA until 2027. Failure to support the town would result in increasing tipping fees in Old Saybrook from \$140/ton to \$180/ton. Mr. Fortuna also mentioned that the state legislature was considering a bill to mandate organics (food scraps) recycling in the state. Currently there is no infrastructure to support such an initiative and Carl will keep us up to date as events occur. Mr. Benni joined the meeting at 4:10 p.m.
  - **B.** Publicity/Social Media/School Representative Ms. Bubello will work on several of the initiatives discussed at the last meeting and will talk to her adviser on an educational initiative for all student involvement to promote recycling in Old Saybrook.
  - **C.** Recycling Signage *Mr. Lundeen, Ms. Stober, Mr. O'Nell and Morgan and Leslie Bubello met with Director of Public Works, Bill Claffey on 2/21/2024 for a stand-up meeting at the transfer station to detail how to develop signage. Ms. Stober agreed to develop a spread sheet on all the areas of recycling at the Transfer Station. Mr. Lundeen and Mr. O'Nell agreed to create a map of the Transfer Station as a hand-out for users.*
  - **D.** Member comments/Old Business/New Business. No comments
  - E. Next meeting date. March 27, 2024, 4:00 p.m., Old Saybrook Town Hall.
- V. ADJOURNMENT A MOTION was made to adjourn at 4:48 p.m.
  O'NELL/STOBER
  MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted, Barry O'Nell, Chairman Waste & Recycling Task Force