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**WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE  
VIRTUAL MEETING  
Monday, January 11, 2021  
4:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** - all members present
- II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Motion to approve December 7, 2020 meeting minutes.  
*FORTUNA/O'NELL*  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*
- IV. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
  - A.** Blue Earth Composting- Conversation with Mr. Alexander Williams  
Mr. Williams shared a PowerPoint with the committee showing the history of Blue Earth, what it does with the compost, why this makes a difference, where it goes and how it might benefit Old Saybrook. He talked a bit about organic recycling in Connecticut and outside of Connecticut as well as the trends for organics. Committee members asked about the smell, getting compost back for our residents, contamination and the Quantum facility. He then talked specifically about their service. The committee was very interested and asked the First Selectman to seek out a formal quote from Blue Earth.
  - B.** MIRA Update  
The First Selectman gave an update on MIRA, stating that the Waste to Energy part of MIRA will be closing in calendar year 2022.
  - C.** Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) meeting:  
Member participation and assignments and reports  
Now that the CCSMM is wrapping up with legislative proposals, the First Selectman asked the group about our committee goals. The committee would like to continue on a bit longer so that they can better educate, update the website with recommendations on composting and educate the town why this is important---it saves money and is good for the environment.
  - D.** Member comments
  - E.** Next meeting date – February 1, 2021.
- V. ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn at 5:00p.m.  
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Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman