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MEETING OF THE WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 25, 2022
4:00 P.M.

Minutes included in the following playlists:
Board of Selectmen Meetings

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKX0JMf1KPp9SQAHOQUQR3yLtNYxKOWK>

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – All members present
- II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion to approve minutes from January 24, 2022.

O'NELL/SAMEK

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. MIRA Update.

Prior to this update, the committee heard a presentation from Will Hessert of Blue Sky which is competing for an Elon Musk carbon capture award. He explained his technology for biochar and that he would expect to take on a lot of the area's brush for his fuel. There are about 250 companies remaining from the original 1000. He has a lease on a building in Old Saybrook and hopes to be operating in June. The committee asked questions about the process, the worst-case scenario, expansion and others. A tour was promised.

Mr. Fortuna then gave a MIRA update. The Waste to Energy (WTE) plant will be closed, likely by August. MIRA has become a broker of garbage and there simply is no need for that. The Essex transfer station towns are in a good position to continue with the current situation for several years, with the municipal solid waste (MSW) either going to the Preston WTE or out of state.

B. Paint Care paint purchasing/Textile Recycling

The committee talked about how effective these programs have been. The committee talked about how to measure what comes in and what goes out. Mr. Fortuna stated he would see what receipts we have for tires, metals, brush and see what we have brought in and what goes out.

C. Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM): Updates
Mr. Fortuna stated that some extended producer responsibility (EPR) bills have passed with regard to propane tanks but not tires, which is frustrating. These things take time and with the long session next year, there may be more political will to get this done.

D. Food scrap recycling program – Discussion and possible action on bulk purchase of Eco-Caddy. Not discussed.

E. Publicity

F. Member comments/Old Business/New Business

G. Next meeting date - TBD

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- V. ADJOURNMENT-** Motion to adjourn at 5:05pm.
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Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman