



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

BARRY O'NELL, CHAIRMAN  
VICTOR BENNI, VICE-CHAIR  
DIANE STOBER

302 Main Street • Old Saybrook, Connecticut 06475-2384  
Telephone (860) 395-3123 • Fax (860) 395-3125

JAMES THERRIEN  
CARL P. FORTUNA JR., EX-OFFICIO

**MEETING OF THE WASTE AND RECYCLING TASK FORCE  
HYBRID MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Monday, December 5, 2022**

**4:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER-** 4:20 p.m. Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Therrien, Ms. Stober and Mr. Benni were present. Mr. Fortuna was delayed and joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.
- II. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** from July 11, 2022.  
*STOBER/THERRIEN*  
*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*
- IV. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**
  - A. MIRA Update - Mr. Fortuna informed the team that the MIRA plant was closed and soon the MIRA organization would likely be dissolved. MIRA has \$30m in reserve and there will be ongoing discussions to resolve how it will be distributed. Mr. Fortuna and State Senator Norm Needleman are discussing a potential 12 town Regional Waste Authority.
  - B. Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) - Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) is still active and focusing on Producer Responsibility for tires and gas cylinders.
  - C. Battery Recycling - Mr. Fortuna purchased 5 containers (using funds from the Nip deposit program) to collect used batteries. One container is placed in the town hall, one at the Acton library, and he will coordinate with the school Superintendent Ms. Perruccio for possible placement in each of the school buildings.
  - D. Transfer Station update: Leave it/Take it area - Mr. Fortuna informed the committee that he and Jeff Jacobsen are working on a redesign of the transfer station with possible inclusion of a scale and will review it with the committee prior to submitting to inland wetlands commission for approval. The goal is to have a total design including the leave it or take it area so we will only meet with inland wetlands once, rather than doing it piece meal.
  - E. Publicity/Social Media - The Transfer Station employees will have a float in the Torch Light parade to promote, "T is the Season to Recycle."
  - F. Member comments/Old Business/New Business: Mr. O'Neill commented on the comparison of the transfer station metrics between the 2021 town report and the 2022 report. Metrics for textile collection and the quantity of freon devices recycled were added to the 2022 report. Overall, there was a reduction in tonnage of materials recycled or disposed in 2022 from 2021. The task force members could not attribute this to the implementation of paint care or food scraps because we don't have metrics

Waste & Recycling Task Force  
Minutes  
December 5, 2022

from these two programs. The members discussed possible metrics collection and tracking as part of the redesigned transfer station workflow.

G. Next meeting - Next meeting will be scheduled in January with the date to be determined by Mr. Fortuna.

V. **ADJOURNMENT** - Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

*STOBER/BENNI*

*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman