

Resources Recovery Task Force Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Russell Room 3rd Floor

79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT

Members present: Macky McCleary (Chair), Glenn Lockhart, Joel Freedman, Doreen Zaback, Andrea Keilty, Steven Diaz, Ed Spinella, Jeff Bridges, Mike Sullivan, Sean Pappas, Lyle Wray

- 1) **Call to Order / introductions:** Macky McCleary called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. Members introduced themselves.
- 2) **Scope of task:** Macky McCleary outlined the general objectives of the task force based on P.A. 13-286.

The Waste-to-Energy industry is facing challenges in Connecticut and across the nation. A purpose of the task force is to look broadly at the Waste-to-Energy market in Connecticut, and identify opportunities for new sources of revenues and other opportunities to stabilize the market, recognizing that greater diversion is still an overarching goal.

The task force will receive some administrative support from DEEP and the Governor's office, but it would also be very helpful if members explore what resources may be available to them to assist as the process progresses.

A DEEP contractor is conducting an operational review of CRRRA. Portions of their work, particularly the market analysis, will be made available to assist the task force.

- 3) **Meeting dates:** The group agreed that Wednesday afternoons work best, and that 5-7 meetings should be scheduled. The group prefers that subcommittee meetings be scheduled for the same day, immediately following the full meeting. DEEP will distribute a complete meeting schedule to the group based on this feedback.
- 4) **Work plan:** Macky McCleary shared a work plan with the group that proposed that certain subcommittees be formed around key issues: market position, bilateral contracting, and Renewable Energy Certificates. The members agreed with the formation of subcommittees. DEEP will distribute a sign-up sheet via email.
- 5) **Public participation:** Members agreed that the task force should provide an opportunity for public input. Macky McCleary suggested that a special meeting be scheduled for that purpose.
- 6) **Other Discussion:** Mike Sullivan pointed out that the legislation also requires the task force to take up the question of whether Waste-to-Energy facilities should be classified as utilities. Macky McCleary said that question could be addressed in the Bilateral Contracting subcommittee.

Macky McCleary stated that task force recommendations would be adopted by simple majority vote.

7) Adjourn: Macky McCleary adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.