



TOWN OF HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT
Solid Waste & Recycling Commission
Minutes

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Regular Meeting

7:00 PM, October 14, 2026

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- Chairperson Kosowsky called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM, and was seconded by Commissioner Theresa Allgood.

2. ATTENDANCE

- In attendance: Kosowsky, Commissioner and Chairperson, Theresa Allgood, Commissioner, Eben Pariser, Commissioner, and Joe DiRisi, the Recycling Coordinator for the town of Hamden.
- Absent: Commissioners Shenira Billups, & Charity Ford.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Chairperson Kosowski introduced a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Commissioner Allgood seconded the motion, and it was approved by unanimous vote.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There will be a brief summary of the correspondence submitted between the last correspondence update and this one. This includes but is not limited to any correspondence with council members that members wish to submit for the record. It can also include written communication to the council from the administration, community members, etc.

1.
 - As submitted.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(if recommended by the town attorney)

- Not needed.

7. REPORTS

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. Going forward with the textile collection. Discussion regarding swaps, providing non-profits with needed items; storing textiles; eliciting volunteers; meeting with the Mayor's Office.
 - Textile Collection:
 - Having four events a year, and involving houses of worship, chambers of commerce, non-profit groups and others.
 - Fixing the roof at the barn for use in textile swaps.
 - Swap and sorting day planned for November 7th, 2026
2. Proposal to be submitted to the Mayor's Office: proof of concept for local food waste composting. National Laboratory of the Rockies. Scheduling meeting; notifying the public.
 - A proposal on local food waste to be submitted to the Mayor's office.
 - The National Lab of the Rockies, giving 40 hours of technical assistance to study the viability of two approaches: one, a standalone in-vessel system designed to manage organic waste generated by the town of Hamden, and two, a regional system (SAP), large enough to accommodate organic waste collected through the 15 SCROG municipalities, using the Hamden transfer station.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Recruitment of new Board/Commissioners:

- Gary Drucker has expressed interest in joining.
- No need to change the Commission's meeting schedule.

1. Tire EPR.

2. Mattress and their Management: collection and recycling under EPR.

- Motion to meet with Karen Bevins from the Arts and Culture was introduced by the Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Theresa Allgood, and approved unanimously.
- A motion to vote on scheduling a meeting with the Mayor for after the submission of the report from NLR was introduced by the Chairperson, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kevin, and approved unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- The motion to adjourn was introduced by the Chairperson at 8:03 PM and was approved by unanimous vote.
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