

**SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION CENTER
Municipal Planning Committee (MPC)**

November 10, 2020

Present (Voting Members):

George Noewatne – Cheshire
Janice A. Plaziak – Guilford
Mary Bigelow – North Branford
S. Napoli – Orange

Mike Zembruski – Fairfield
Brian Ennis – Meriden
Lynn Sadowky – North Haven
Kelly Hammill – Woodbridge

ALSO PRESENT:

Dan Doyle – RWA
Steve Johnson – Milford

Joe DeRisi – Hamden
Lori Vitagliano – RWA

ABSENT: Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Madison, New Haven, Wallingford, West Haven, Woodbridge

I. Minutes

L. Vitagliano presented the meeting minutes from the July 23, 2020 meeting. M. Bigelow moved to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by S. Napoli, and all were in favor.

II. Collection Season Update

L. Vitagliano reported a total of 8,374 households participated, properly disposing of their household hazardous waste during the 2020 collection season. She added that this compares to 6,637 for the same period in 2019. She reported that the overall collection season went well. The facility implemented safety measures and delayed opening by one week in May. In addition, all residents signed in electronically, eliminating paper forms. For the duration of the collection season, Clean Harbors provided three additional staff to assist with checking-in participants and directing cars, at no charge. Discussion took place and the group asked if Clean Harbors plans to continue this pro-bono service next year. L. Vitagliano will have a conversation with Clean Harbors about their intentions next season.

L. Vitagliano also reported on the outreach and advertisement utilized to get the word out this season. Saying that outreach consisted of weekly posts on social media, a New Haven Register article and television coverage from WTNH and NBC-CT.

The group was also informed about the RWA participated in the national pharmaceutical take-back program. The RWA police collected 44 pounds of unwanted medicine and brought it to the DEA at the end of the day. HazWaste Central worked with Take-2 Electronics and held a joint HHW and electronics take-back on October 31, taking in just over 2 tons of electronics.

III. Participation Projections for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

L. Vitagliano presented participation projections for the second half of FY 2021 and the full FY 2022. She explained the details of Worksheet 1 and Worksheet 2, noting that some communities have actual participation exceeding their full fiscal year 2021 budget projections. She added that the communities who would like a satellite collection in 2021, should let her know by Tuesday, December 1.

IV. Other

L. Vitagliano informed the group that she is working with the Connecticut Product Stewardship Council on proposing extended producer responsibility for propane cylinders, saying that she will look to them during the legislative session for their support for initiating and supporting legislation for this.

K. Hammill moved to adjourn at 10:00 A.M, seconded by M. Zembruski and all were in favor.