

**CONNECTICUT RESOURCES RECOVERY AUTHORITY**

**FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND**

**AUGUST 25, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Board of Directors was held on Monday, August 25, 2011, in the Pasheshauke Pavilion in Old Saybrook, CT. Those present were:

Directors: Chairman Pace  
Vice Chairman Jarjura (present beginning 10:47 a.m.)  
Louis Auletta (present beginning 10:00 a.m.)  
David Damer  
Timothy Griswold  
Dot Kelly  
Theodore Martland  
Donald Stein  
Steve Edwards, Bridgeport Project Ad-Hoc  
Robert Painter, Mid-Connecticut Project Ad-Hoc  
Steven Wawruck, Mid-Connecticut Project Ad-Hoc (present beginning 10:15 a.m.)

Present from CRRA in Hartford:

Tom Kirk, President  
Jim Bolduc, Chief Financial Officer  
Thomas Gaffey, Director of Enforcement and Recycling  
Laurie Hunt, Director of Legal Services  
Peter Egan, Environmental Affairs and Environmental Director  
Sotoria Montanari, Education Supervisor  
Paul Nonnenmacher, Director of Public Affairs  
Moirra Benacquista, Board Secretary/Paralegal

Others present: June September April of Redding, CT; John Maulucci of USA Hauling; Wayne Clarke of The Invisible River; Jim Sandler, Esq. of Sandler & Mara.

Chairman Pace called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and said that a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC PORTION FROM MS. JUNE SEPTEMBER APRIL**

Chairman Pace asked Ms. June September April if she would like to address the Board.

Ms. April said she lives in Redding, CT. She said she is part of a group called the Friends of Trash-o-Saurus. Ms. April said she and her husband become involved with Friends of Trash-o-Saurus about a year ago during a twentieth anniversary trip to the Stratford Garbage Museum.

Ms. April asked for more time before the closure of the museum. She said Ridgefield Academy did not even know the museum was closing and she believes the Friends of Trash-o-Saurus need more

time to bring awareness to the plight of the museum as the Garbage Museum impacts lives and empowers young people. She asked for two more months as she has friends which are willing to do some big fundraisers and bring in the needed money if they have time.

Ms. April said she cannot comprehend the lack of support from the governmental side. Ms. April said the support has to come from the CRRA Board as well. Chairman Pace said he needed to correct that comment. He said the CRRA Board supports the museum. Chairman Pace said the Board has tried to raise funds from the Southwestern Towns, and although they offer verbal support, they did not provide the needed funding.

Director Edwards said that he and others parties have tried to get financial support for the museum. He said the amount of verbal support is overwhelming however no one is contributing enough funding. Ms. April asked if the Board has approached schools for funding. Director Edward said every school on that list has been approached, he did not know if Ridgefield Academy had been contacted. Chairman Pace said he has to assume that superintendents and Chief Elected Officials are making the best judgments and decision they can in their current financial situations. Chairman Pace said the Board would like to see funds come from the Southwest towns.

Ms. April said she is hoping that when school starts children are given the opportunity to raise the funds. Director Martland said as a former superintendent of schools he knows that fundraising by the students is not permitted without the prior approval of the superintendent. Ms. April said she has no issues contacting people however, the timeframe is important and there is no point in expending the energy if the museum is going to close. Chairman Pace said the CRRA Board has done everything it can for the last two years to try and keep the museum open. He said CRRA cannot use funds from the Mid-Ct Project to fund the museum.

Ms. April asked if the museum was to close and a substantial check came in the mail afterwards if the museum could be re-opened. Chairman Pace said the matter could certainly be addressed. Ms. April asked if that check came a month later if the museum could still be re-opened. Chairman Pace said management has tried to extend that timeframe using the funds available however the museum is at a place where that timeframe cannot be extended as closure funds are needed. He said support from the municipalities and a constant stream of fundraising would be needed to continually support the museum.

Chairman Pace asked what municipalities are committed to supporting the museum. Director Edwards replied; Westport, Bridgeport (to an extent), Stratford, Milford, and Woodbridge. He said much of the population which is served in the lower area, including Darien and Norwalk, is no longer part of the SWEROC Project and are not involved. Director Edwards said as the owners of the property inside of the building including the exhibits, SWEROC is not interested in dismantling anything at this time.

Director Edwards said he believes this funding should come from the Legislature. He said there should be a tax on tons of garbage. He said for years the museum was paid for out of garbage fees and the Board of Education provided no support. He said when that fee was examined more closely it was separated out and became difficult to assign going forward. Director Edward said it is his intent to go through CCM to get some kind of mechanism to put a fee on garbage tons as there are two primary educational institutions which deal with that.

Chairman Pace informed Ms. April that the CRRA Board and management sought to use funds from penalties incurred by Covanta assessed by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (hereinafter referred to as the "CT DEP") to fund the museum. Mr. Egan said several years ago the operator of the Wallingford Waste to Energy Plant ran into an issue with an air emissions exceedance with the CT DEP. He explained rather than fining them (a straight fine to the State) the CT DEP was prepared to work out a supplemental environmental project. Mr. Egan said that CRRA lobbied the then Commissioner of the Ct DEP, Amy Marella, to flow some of those funds to the Stratford Museum, however the CT DEP was not inclined to provide those funds. Chairman Pace said this was in spite of the fact that it is a CT DEP initiative to increase recycling and this seemed an obvious way to accomplish that.

Ms. April asked if the funds necessary to support the museum came in at the end of September if the museum would still have an opportunity to exist. Chairman Pace said that he is not prepared to say no, however the Board has been waiting for two years for the needed funds.

### **PUBLIC PORTION FROM MR. WAYNE CLARKE**

Mr. Clarke said he is a landscape architect with the organization the Invisible River. He said the goal of his organization is to bring attention to the non-recyclable waste called the "Invisible River" and to raise the funds to create an IMAX film which shows that volume. He said about three years ago he and his family decided to put aside all the non-biodegradable and non-recycling items they generated which resulted in 25 bags of trash over a year. Mr. Clarke said he did the math and for residential America that sends a stream to the moon and back three times a year between residential, corporate, and institutional trash.

Mr. Clarke said his proposition to the CRRA Board is to find out how many people from the public are behind the garbage museum by turning redemption centers into fund raising places. He said the public can decide to take their receipts from turning in cans and bottles at redemption centers and give those funds to the museum. Mr. Clarke said politicians will know what their constituents want from not just verbal commentary but from these pledges. He said his numbers are preliminary but there are millions of dollars which flow through Connecticut redemption centers each year. Mr. Clarke said a portion of that over time would create an endowment for the museum where over the long term millions of dollars can potentially be raised.

Mr. Clarke said the increase in recycling generates more money and there are machines which can convert these items into fuel. He said the Garbage Museum is generating money for somebody someplace and there is actual immediate value for people looking to collect these items.

Director Kelly thanked Mr. Clarke and Ms. April for their comments and their desire to increase recycling.

Mr. Kirk added that July 1, 2008, is the date that the Bridgeport Project ended and the subsidy from the waste stream ended. He said CRRA has stitched together operations for three years. Mr. Kirk said this was accomplished through the hard work of the museum staff and the CRRA Board in their efforts to secure funding. He said it is important to note for the record that every stone possible was

overturned. Mr. Kirk said the CT DEP supplemental environmental project in particular was a natural fit, as \$500,000 worth of funds was available which the CT DEP elected not to use for the museum.

Mr. Kirk said management pushed the Legislature for the escheats generated by bottle recycling numerous time and was denied each time, each and every town in the region was approached for general funds, and finally the Regional School Boards were approached and despite their vocal support and integration of the museum into their curriculum they did not provide any funding which is understandable due to their financial situation. He said there has been no shortage in efforts by management and the Board to secure funding; unfortunately they have just not been successful.

Director Edwards said the resources approached for funding all have budgets to balance. He said SWEROC will do what they can to keep the infrastructure intact with the hope that funds can be raised in the future.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2011, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Chairman Pace requested a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2011, Regular Board Meeting. Director Martland made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Director Kelly.

The motion to approve the minutes was approved by roll call. Chairman Pace, Director Auletta, Director Edwards, Director Griswold, Director Kelly, Director Martland, Director Painter, and Director Stein voted yes. Director Damer abstained.

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Chairman Pace	X		
Louis Auletta, Jr.	X		
David Damer			X
Timothy Griswold	X		
Dot Kelly	X		
Ted Martland	X		
Donald Stein	X		
<b>Ad-Hocs</b>			
Steve Edwards, Bridgeport	X		
Bob Painter, Mid-Ct	X		

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2011, SPECIAL TELEPHONIC, BOARD MEETING**

Chairman Pace requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2011, Special Telephonic Board Meeting. Director Martland made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Director Kelly.

The motion to approve the minutes was approved by roll call. Chairman Pace, Director Auletta, Director Griswold, Director Kelly, Director Martland, Director Painter, Director Stein, and Director Wawruck voted yes. Director Damer and Director Edwards abstained.

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Chairman Pace	X		
Louis Auletta, Jr.	X		
David Damer			X
Timothy Griswold	X		
Dot Kelly	X		
Ted Martland	X		
Donald Stein	X		
<b>Ad-Hocs</b>			
Steve Edwards, Bridgeport			X
Bob Painter, Mid-Ct	X		
Steve Wawruck, Mid-Ct	X		

**RESOLUTION REGARDING REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE GARBAGE MUSEUM OPERATION**

Chairman Pace requested a motion on the above referenced item. The motion was made by Director Martland and seconded by Director Kelly.

**WHEREAS**, the Bridgeport Project officially ended on December 31, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the recycling component of the former Bridgeport Project located in Stratford, Connecticut survived the Bridgeport Project under the auspices of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (the “Authority”) and the Southwest Connecticut Regional Recycling Operating Committee, (“SWEROC”) ; and

**WHEREAS**, SWEROC has agreed to administer the regional education and promotional programs related to recycling for the southwest area towns; and

**WHEREAS**, SWEROC administered the regional education and promotional programs through the Garbage Museum located at 1410 Honeyspot Road Extension, Stratford, Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, the Garbage Museum’s operating account is estimated to have a cash balance of approximately \$57,000 on July 1, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2012 the Garbage Museum would need to receive an estimated \$224,000 new unappropriated cash; and

**WHEREAS**, SWEROC discontinued funding the Garbage Museum’s activities with the exception of a onetime \$100,000 contribution in June 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, at its July 7, 2011 board meeting the Authority's Chairman of the Board of Directors notified the Garbage Museum Management that if sufficient funds are not raised within the next thirty days, the Museum would be closed; and

**WHEREAS**, due to its cash position, Management recommends that the Stratford Garbage Museum be closed in Fiscal Year 2012 and the educational activities be consolidated with the Authority's overall educational and promotional efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED**: that absent a timely change in financial support by August 6, 2011, the President is hereby authorized to promptly discontinue operation of the Garbage Museum and to take all actions necessary to properly close this facility; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: that Management develops a facility plan for the property located at 1410 Honeyspot Road Extension, Stratford, Connecticut.

Mr. Kirk said the item for Board action is for approval of the Garbage Museum budget, an item which has come before the Board a number of times in the past few months and has been discussed at length. Mr. Kirk said the decision made by the Board in either direction is not irreversible. He said as indicated in the resolution direction can be changed, however the museum is currently out of money and management has no access to additional funds.

Mr. Kirk said according to bond indenture, statute, and project contracts CRRRA is prohibited from sharing revenues from one project to another. He said the Garbage Museum has been operating on an emergency basis for the last two months by utilizing the surplus funds from last budget year. Mr. Kirk said the Board approved the president's use of an emergency mechanism to operate the museum at the prior Board meeting. He said there is no money left in that bucket and he can no longer continue to fund the museum under an emergency basis and there is no additional funding source available.

Mr. Kirk said as the financial picture evolves management could certainly reconsider any decisions made, funding contingent.

Director Martland said the SWEROC Project currently in existence is much smaller than the SWEROC Project of several years ago. He said the current group did not feel it was appropriate to pay for the larger group. Director Edwards agreed. He said it has been stated several times at this meeting that the SWEROC group tried everything it could, and the staff of the museum has turned over every rock it could, and certainly encouraged outside support. Director Edwards said SWEROC, which owns the exhibits inside the museum will keep them as such for the time being in the hope of funding. He said he will vote against the resolution on principal.

Director Damer said halfway through the resolution the whereas reads "in Fiscal Year 2012 the Garbage Museum would need to receive an estimated \$224,000 new un-appropriated cash". He asked if that number is still accurate to get the museum through the fiscal year. Mr. Kirk said there have been pledges and a small amount of cash so the amount required is slightly less, however \$20,000 a month is still needed.

Director Damer asked when the actual source of cash will be a negative balance and deactivated. Mr. Bolduc said these numbers are the latest as of last Thursday. Director Damer asked when the doors of the museum are physically expected to close. Mr. Bolduc said the cash will run out about the first day of October.

Chairman Pace asked if a closure date of October 1, 2011, will still provide for closure funds. Mr. Kirk said funding for closing and maintaining exhibits would not be available if the museum were to close on October 1, 2011. Chairman Pace said that information moves the closure date up, he asked at what point the museum would have the funds needed to close properly and have maintenance funds. Mr. Kirk replied now. Chairman Pace said this is a business decision. He asked if there are any other funds which management has not explored, or not explored fully which would provide the necessary funding to keep the museum open.

Mr. Bolduc said there are pledges, but not cash. Chairman Pace said in that case the museum would be running on a deficit and there would be no way to collect on a pledge. Director Damer asked if he was correct in stating the pledges are contingent on there being enough overall pledges to keep the museum open for the fiscal year. Mr. Bolduc said in his experience pledges, grants, foundations and loans often come with a commitment or are contingent on certain parameters.

Director Damer asked if some of the pledges from member towns are contingent on the museum actually being open. Mr. Bolduc said some of the cash was placed into restricted cash flow. Mr. Kirk said management is assuming those contributions were made in the anticipation that the museum would stay open for six to 12 months. He said the Town of Woodbridge did not stipulate that the cash they provided for the museum was contingent on the museum staying open for a specific amount of time. Chairman Pace said for the Town of Woodbury's good efforts he would assume those funds should go back.

Chairman Pace said if funds are raised to support the museum the CRRA Board can consider re-opening the museum. Director Damer suggested adding something to that effect to the further resolve. Director Auletta suggested that the additional further resolve say something along the lines of, "That management includes in its plan keeping the facility intact to be able to re-establish the operation of the Garbage Museum in the future if the necessary funds can be raised based on new initiatives". Director Damer suggested adding "management will make reasonable efforts".

### **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION REGARDING REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE GARBAGE MUSEUM OPERATION**

Director Auletta suggested amending the language in the resolution to insert the following after the last Further Resolved:

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That management will make reasonable efforts to keep the facility and structure intact to enable the Garbage Museum to be reopened in the future if the necessary funds can be raised based on new initiatives.

The maker of the original motion, Director Martland, and the seconder of the original motion, Director Kelly, agreed to these changes as friendly amendments.

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION REGARDING REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE GARBAGE MUSEUM OPERATION**

Director Martland asked that the speakers receive a copy of this resolution. Director Griswold asked about the labor which would be required to operate the museum. Chairman Pace said at that point it may be necessary to train new employees, after of course extending the position to those employees who had originally worked there. Director Griswold said he is a little uncomfortable that CRRA does not have sufficient closure dollars to perform this closing properly.

Chairman Pace said there are two pieces of closure, the facility and the structure itself, and the interior. He asked Director Edwards if SWEROC would like the exhibits to remain in place. Director Edwards said yes. He said there were some capital improvements which were projected at the building which could be held off. He said the real cost would be the staff cost for September and the decommission costs.

**SECOND FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION REGARDING REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE GARBAGE MUSEUM OPERATION**

Director Stein said if the museum closes immediately there will be about \$26,000 for unemployment insurance and heating costs. Director Edwards said the building is CRRA's and the property fund would be used to heat the building. He said he is assuming this building will be placed into the property management pool.

Director Stein suggested changing the last Resolution to read "immediately discontinued" instead of "promptly discontinued".

The maker of the original motion, Director Martland, and the seconder, Director Kelly, agreed to this change as a friendly amendment.

**FINAL VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION REGARDING REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE GARBAGE MUSEUM OPERATION AS AMENDED**

The motion which was originally made by Director Martland and seconded by Director Kelly was approved as amended by roll call.

**WHEREAS**, the Bridgeport Project officially ended on December 31, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the recycling component of the former Bridgeport Project located in Stratford, Connecticut survived the Bridgeport Project under the auspices of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (the "Authority") and the Southwest Connecticut Regional Recycling Operating Committee, ("SWEROC"); and

**WHEREAS**, SWEROC has agreed to administer the regional education and promotional programs related to recycling for the southwest area towns; and

**WHEREAS**, SWEROC administered the regional education and promotional programs through the Garbage Museum located at 1410 Honeyspot Road Extension, Stratford, Connecticut; and



**WHEREAS**, the Garbage Museum’s operating account is estimated to have a cash balance of approximately \$57,000 on July 1, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2012 the Garbage Museum would need to receive an estimated \$224,000 new unappropriated cash; and

**WHEREAS**, SWEROC discontinued funding the Garbage Museum’s activities with the exception of a onetime \$100,000 contribution in June 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, at its July 7, 2011 board meeting the Authority’s Chairman of the Board of Directors notified the Garbage Museum Management that if sufficient funds are not raised within the next thirty days, the Museum would be closed; and

**WHEREAS**, due to its cash position, Management recommends that the Stratford Garbage Museum be closed in Fiscal Year 2012 and the educational activities be consolidated with the Authority’s overall educational and promotional efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is

**RESOLVED**: that absent a timely change in financial support by August 6, 2011, the President is hereby authorized to immediately discontinue operation of the Garbage Museum and to take all actions necessary to properly close this facility; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: that Management develops a facility plan for the property located at 1410 Honeyspot Road Extension, Stratford, Connecticut.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That management will make reasonable efforts to keep the facility and structure intact to enable the Garbage Museum to be reopened in the future if the necessary funds can be raised based on new initiatives.

The motion was approved by roll call. Chairman Pace, Director Auletta, Director Damer, Director Griswold, Director Kelly, Director Martland, and Director Stein voted yes. Director Painter and Director Wawruck abstained. Director Edwards voted no.

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Chairman Pace	X		
Louis Auletta, Jr.	X		
David Damer	X		
Timothy Griswold	X		
Dot Kelly	X		
Ted Martland	X		
Donald Stein	X		
<b>Ad-Hocs</b>			
Steve Edwards, Bridgeport		X	
Bob Painter, Mid-Ct			X
Steve Wawruck, Mid-Ct			X

**RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE SOUTHWEST RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION PERMITTING, DISPOSAL AND BILLING PROCEDURES**

Chairman Pace requested a motion on the above referenced item. The motion was made by Director Martland and seconded by Director Kelly.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors hereby approves the new SOUTHWEST RECYCLING TRANSFER STATION PERMITTING, DISPOSAL AND BILLING PROCEDURES substantially as presented and discussed at this meeting.

Mr. Kirk said this procedure is for the benefit of CRRA's customers in order to provide them with a better understanding of the rules, regulations, safety issues and process involved in bringing deliveries of waste to the CRRA facilities. He said the SouthWest facility underwent a change with the adoption of trans-load recyclables from Stratford up to Hartford. Mr. Kirk said that process is addressed in this amended recycling transfer station and permitting disposal features.

Mr. Kirk said these procedures have been in place since July 1, 2011, and due to quorum issues and availability the Board was not able to address ratification of the procedures. He said it is important for CRRA's customers to know how to conduct themselves on CRRA property. Mr. Kirk said that management reaches out to CRRA customers routinely to ensure that they understand the procedures and are knowledgeable of them. He said adjustment and changes are made to ensure the customers' needs are met and to ensure safety at the plant. Mr. Kirk said these procedures are very straightforward and similar to the other procedures for delivery.

Director Martland asked for more information concerning the SouthWest Project. Mr. Kirk said CRRA disposes of garbage for eleven SouthWest towns. Director Edwards said there are two different entities in the South, a group of eleven towns which have MSA's with CRRA and a different group which is comprised of SWEROC towns. He explained this is a SWEROC entity and SWEROC gets any revenue generated out of receipts which then go into the SWEROC kitty, spending of which is up to the discretion of the SWEROC Board. He said the eventual intent is to accumulate money for capital improvements for SWEROC's own single stream facility or to provide rebates. He said it is a cash zero tip fee.

Director Martland asked if there are towns other than SWEROC bringing their recyclables to Mid-CT. Director Edwards said SWEROC has been inviting other towns to come in with a price to-be-determined at the gate and so far there is only one other town which is interested. He said SWEROC would like to bring in other towns; however there is some active competition in Shelton which offers hefty rebates resulting in SWEROC not being able to attract many other towns at this point.

Director Martland asked if SWEROC had approved of these procedures. Director Martland said this document was reviewed by SWEROC.

Director Damer said this has already been reviewed by the SouthWest customers and it is similar to what is in place at the Mid-Ct facility. He said this would typically have gone through the Policies & Procurement Committee however; there are no August Committee meetings.

Director Edward said enforcement is an ongoing battle and CRRA typically gets involved and straightens those issues out.

Director Griswold asked if the materials are compacted out before being sent to Mid-Ct. Mr. Kirk replied no. Mr. Gaffey said Milford is tamping the tonnage and is getting 18-19 tons on each truck.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved by roll call. Chairman Pace, Vice-Chairman Jarjura, Director Auletta, Director Damer, Director Edwards, Director Griswold, Director Kelly, Director Martland, and Director Stein voted yes. Director Painter and Director Wawruck abstained.

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Chairman Pace	X		
Vice-Chairman Jarjura	X		
Louis Auletta, Jr.	X		
David Damer	X		
Timothy Griswold	X		
Dot Kelly	X		
Ted Martland	X		
Donald Stein	X		
<b>Ad-Hocs</b>			
Steve Edwards, Bridgeport	X		
Bob Painter, Mid-Ct			X
Steve Wawruck, Mid-Ct			X

**RESOLUTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE REVISED MID-CONNECTICUT PERMITTING, DISPOSAL AND BILLING PROCEDURES**

Chairman Pace requested a motion on the above referenced item. The motion was made by Director Martland and seconded by Director Damer.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of Directors hereby approves changes to the MID-CONNECTICUT PROJECT PERMITTING, DISPOSAL AND BILLING PROCEDURES substantially as presented and discussed at this meeting.

Mr. Kirk said this resolution is similar to the prior one and details modifications and edits to the procedure. He said all procedures are noticed ahead of time to CRRA customers and the general public.

Mr. Kirk said this procedure did solicit a comment from the Housatonic Resources Recovery Facility (hereinafter referred to as “HRRR”) a group of a dozen or so towns in Western Connecticut which sent a letter to Chairman Pace which is included in the Supplemental portion of the Board package. He said the HRRR has concerns about waste migrating from their project to the Watertown transfer station. Mr. Kirk said management has been working with HRRR Chairman Mike Gill and the Executive Director to try and help them maintain their waste flow, a difficult task as their put-or-pay minimum with Wheelabrator is significant and they are in danger of missing that number in large part

due to an \$87.00 tip fee. He said some of that waste, which is not flow controlled, may end up over the border in New York.

Mr. Kirk said a very small amount of that waste comes into the Watertown Transfer Station. He said in FY'10 150 tons of HRRR waste found its way to Watertown. Mr. Kirk said recyclables are not part of that tonnage. He said CRRA offered to handle HRRR's recycling however they elected not to take CRRA up on this offer. He said management works hard to maintain the excellent relationship they have with HRRR, which is a much smaller organization than CRRA. He said HRRR is concerned that the changes to the Mid-Ct procedures invites additional waste into the CRRA waste system which would harm HRRR's minimum commitment. Mr. Kirk said this is not the case. He noted however CRRA cannot prohibit waste that is not flow controlled from going where it is allowed to go.

Chairman Pace said he had replied to HRRR's letter and let them know he was addressing their concerns. He said he is in the process of setting up a meeting between CRRA management and that of HRRR's to see what can be done to assist them. Chairman Pace said HRRR may have to address their model as the tip fee increases if they continue to lose garbage.

Mr. Kirk said management will address changes to the procedure with HRRR in addition to suggestions for HRRR to utilize to solve its flow control problem. Director Kelly said she saw the response letter which highlighted places and opportunities HRRR may use, and contained information that CRRA will assist with strategy as well.

The motion previously made and seconded was approved by roll call. Chairman Pace, Vice-Chairman Jarjura, Director Auletta, Director Damer, Director Griswold, Director Kelly, Director Martland, Director Painter, Director Stein, and Director Wawruck voted yes. Director Edwards abstained.

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Chairman Pace	X		
Vice-Chairman Jarjura	X		
Louis Auletta, Jr.	X		
David Damer	X		
Timothy Griswold	X		
Dot Kelly	X		
Ted Martland	X		
Donald Stein	X		
<b>Ad-Hocs</b>			
Steve Edwards, Bridgeport			X
Bob Painter, Mid-Ct	X		
Steve Wawruck, Mid-Ct	X		

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Pace said that CRRA had a major win in court concerning the NAES contract. He said CRRA takes abuse and misinformation as well as political arrangements going on out there and it is interesting that the judge notes those facts in the ruling.

Mr. Kirk said also included in the supplemental portion of the Board package was a communication to Senator Witkos from Mr. Kirk. He said he wanted the Board to know that management was reaching out to the Senator in advance of the Legislative Session to hopefully get on a better track with the Legislature in terms of CRRA Governance issues.

Mr. Kirk said members of the MAC Committee have requested that Mr. Kirk meet with a MAC sub-committee concerning the CRRA Board governance to try and develop a consensus on a bill to bring to the Legislature for something potentially agreeable to all before the Legislature starts.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Pace requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, trade secrets, personnel matters, security matters, pending RFP's, and feasibility estimates and evaluations, and real estate acquisition with appropriate staff. The motion, made by Director Kelly and seconded by Director Martland, was approved unanimously. Chairman Pace asked the following people join the Directors in the Executive Session:

Tom Kirk  
Jim Bolduc  
Peter Egan  
Laurie Hunt

The motion to move into Executive Session was approved unanimously by roll call.

The Executive Session began at 11:17 a.m. and concluded at 11:45 a.m. Chairman Pace noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:45 a.m., the door to the Board room was opened, and the Board secretary and all members of the public (of which there were none) were invited back in for the continuation of public session.

The motion to move into Executive Session was approved unanimously by roll call. Chairman Pace, Vice-Chairman Jarjura, Director Auletta, Director Damer, Director Griswold, Director Edwards, Director Kelly, Director Martland, Director Painter, Director Stein, and Director Wawruck voted yes.

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Chairman Pace	X		
Vice-Chairman Jarjura	X		
Louis Auletta, Jr.	X		
David Damer	X		
Timothy Griswold	X		
Dot Kelly	X		
Ted Martland	X		
Donald Stein	X		
<b>Ad-Hocs</b>			
Steve Edwards, Bridgeport	X		
Bob Painter, Mid-Ct	X		
Steve Wawruck, Mid-Ct	X		

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Pace requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Martland and seconded by Director Damer and was approved unanimously.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Moira Benacquista  
Board Secretary/Paralegal