



SCRARRA Waste Disposal Update



In 1987, the state passed legislation to allow a group of twelve municipalities, including Groton, to create the Southeastern CT Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRARRA). The group’s aim was a collective waste disposal system which would meet CT’s strict

environmental standards. Six years later, in 1992, Towns began transfer of waste to a newly built, commercially operated incinerator which would generate energy. **Starting Jan. 1, 2021, SCRARRA will shift waste delivery from the Covanta waste-to-energy plant in Preston to Lisbon’s Wheelabrator site**, shown. SCRARRA entered a 10-year agreement with Wheelabrator for more predictable costs. ‘Tip fee’ stabilization will allow continuation of a \$58 a ton fee through June 2022. (‘Tipping’ fees are the waste disposal costs by weight.)

Meanwhile, 70 other CT municipalities make up the Materials Innovation & Recycling Authority (MIRA) which runs its own Hartford area plant. MIRA recently announced, however, the facility will close by July 2022 due to failing infrastructure. Refurbishment is too costly and State redevelopment fund requests have repeatedly failed. MIRA will thus revert to hauling its waste to out of state landfills, the costs for which are unknown at this time.

In response, CT DEEP created the CT Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management. **The CCSMM seeks ways to reduce CT’s waste generation by improving recycling and reuse.** A 2021 report will make recommendations to support continued recycling, addition of large scale food recycling, extended producer responsibilities, and unit based waste disposal pricing. CCSMM seeks Towns to ‘sign on’ as partners to the effort.



SCRARRA already offers a variety of recycling options. In 2020, **Groton received services valued at \$90,645** including **household hazardous waste days, refrigerant extraction, oil & antifreeze disposal, tire disposal, brush grinding, electronics recycling, and fluorescent bulb removal.**

- Freon Removals:** 684 **Woodchips:** 5997 c.y. **Mattresses*:** 179
- Oil & Antifreeze:** 4360 gallons **Propane Tanks:** 309
- Tires:** 146 **Household Hazardous Waste Days:** 667 cars

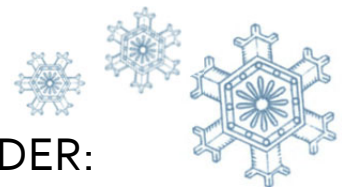
**Paid for by a ‘Product Stewardship fee’ \$9 added to new mattress purchases*

WELCOME

New Construction Inspector *Thomas Gavitt* was raised in North Stonington and graduated with



a degree in Business from Bryant University where he played Div. 1 Baseball. Upon graduation in 2014, he was selected in the MLB draft by the Oakland Athletics with whom he played for three seasons. He went on to Electric Boat where he was a Structural Designer and then Planner. He and his wife reside in North Stonington with their two dogs.



REMINDER:

The Town ordinance, Sec. 13.5-1., **requires property owners and/or tenants to remove snow from a sidewalk along the street in front of your property.** The Town does remove snow on some heavily traveled sidewalks leading to schools & town facilities but does so as staffing & time allows.

Please be aware the ordinance does not apply to City of Groton or Groton Long Point.