

PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT CHANGE



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A BITTERSWEET GOOD-BYE:

Congratulations were offered to Supervisor of Technical Services, Colin Kelly, PE, who retired after 26 years in the Engineering Division. Colin skillfully led countless facilities, roads, & bridge projects.



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A recent CFECT grant enabled non-profit Save the Sound to conduct a study of Groton road-stream crossings for **Haley's, Eccleston, and Fishtown Brooks**, including Grasso Tech student training and school presentations. The exploration found good fish conditions at many bridges and culverts, but some 'road blocks' to wildlife which limit access, including at Fishtown & New London Rd., and River Rd. at the old grist mill. The aim is to seek future funding to reconfigure problem crossings and restore alewife & brook trout populations, a CT DEEP priority. **Public Works Engineers Lindsay Zyrski & Tom Thorndike** spent time in the field learning the assessment protocols. Check out the data on the North Atlantic Aquatic Connectivity Collaborative (NAACC) website, the 13-state initiative which is coordinating the effort.

On a cold, windy March 1, **Administrative Services Supervisor Stacey Ohlmann Leitch**, hosted the Environmental Studies class of **UCONN Avery Point** Associate Professor Syma Ebbin, PhD, at the **Flanders Road Transfer Station**. The presentation on Solid Waste started with the history of Flanders & Welles landfills, both now 'capped' & DEEP permitted for alternate use, and led to establishment of our SECT Regional Authority, the present use of the Lisbon waste-to-energy plant, and a new State focus on product stewardship & zero-waste goals. The class learned about the 10+ stations & end uses of difficult-to-manage waste streams.

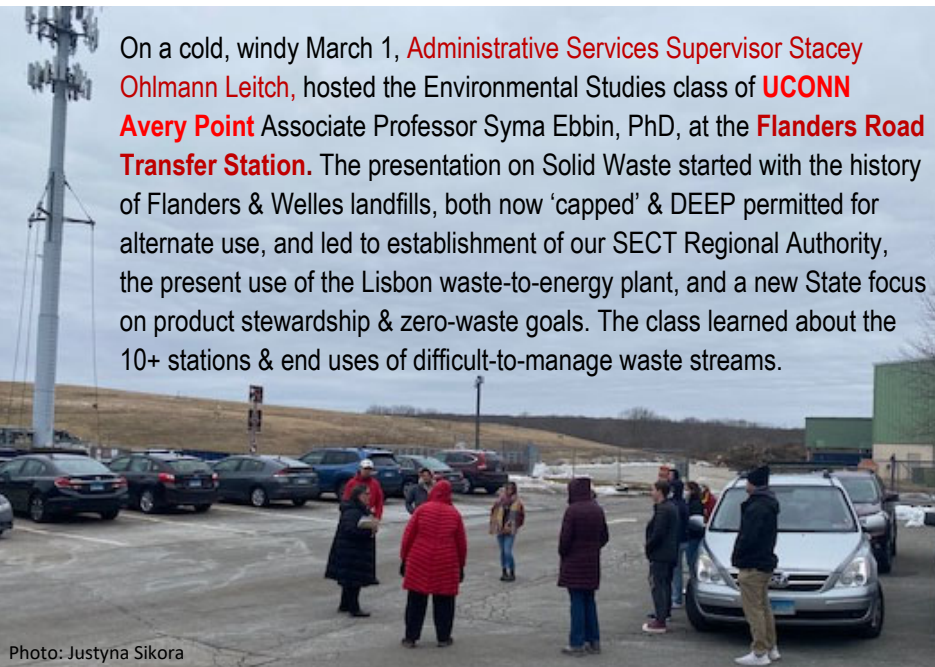


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