



**DRAFT MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 10, 2012**

The Mid-Connecticut Project Municipal Advisory Council (“MAC”) Sub-Committee on Governance held a special telephonic meeting on January 10, 2012, at CRRA headquarters, 100 Constitution Plaza, 6th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut.

Participating by teleconference were Sub-Committee members Laura Francis of Durham, Curtis Rand of Salisbury, Larrye deBear of Rocky Hill and Jeff Bridges of Wethersfield.

In the meeting room were Paul Nonnenmacher, Jim Perras and Laurie Hunt of CRRA.

Also on the teleconference were Laurie Samele-Bates of Brown Rudnick, CRRA’s Municipal Government Relations Liaison, and John Pizzimenti of USA Hauling & Recycling.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting came to order at 8:40 a.m.

**2. Review of proposal adopted by the Mid-Connecticut Project Municipal Advisory Committee**

**Mr. deBear** summarized the history of these discussions, including proposals for altering the structure of the CRRA Board of Directors made during the 2011 legislative session. He listed a number of questions this Sub-Committee should answer in formulating the proposal it will recommend to the MAC:

- The number of members the board should have.
- The population figure that should divide larger and smaller municipalities.
- How board members should be apportioned.

**Mr. Bridges** asked why the board should include representatives of municipalities not part of the current Mid-Connecticut Project. **Mr. Nonnenmacher** explained that CRRA also consists of solid-waste systems in the southwestern and southeastern parts of the state. Mr. Bridges said in that case the board should be limited to representatives of cities and towns that have an affiliation with CRRA.

After further discussion about the number and composition of board members, the Sub-Committee agreed it would recommend a 13-person board to include six representatives of current-day Mid-Connecticut Project communities.

The Sub-Committee then took up the question of how board members would be selected. Currently, the governor appoints three board members and selects the chairman while eight others are appointed by the four legislative leaders. Last year, the MAC approved a structure that called for the governor and four legislative leaders to appoint one member each, with the remainder being selected by the cities and towns.

**Mr. Perras** explained the governor and legislative leaders might be reluctant to give up some of their appointing authority, and said he believed the governor would be especially reluctant to give up his ability to select the chairman. **Mr. deBear** said he would expect a proposal to take the governor's ability to name the chairman would be dead on arrival at the legislature.

There followed substantial discussion about specific expertise board members need and how to get that expertise. That led to discussion about whether board members could appoint delegates to perform their duties. **Ms. Hunt** said the last time the legislature changed the board's makeup was in 2002 in reaction to the Enron debacle which, the legislature concluded, occurred at least in part because delegates, rather than board members themselves, were voting on proposals.

**Ms. Francis** suggested using Councils of Governments ("COGs") to find people with the expertise specified in the legislation. **Mr. deBear** said that suggestion leads to the question of how the municipal representatives should be chosen and whether the COGs could play a role.

### **3. FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

#### **A. SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING**

At this time, with Sub-Committee members having other commitments, it was agreed to continue the discussion to another meeting. Sub-Committee members agreed to schedule a special meeting for Friday, January 13, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. They agreed in the interim to consider these four points:

- The level of representation of non-Mid-Connecticut cities and towns.
- How to identify and select board members with the necessary environmental and energy experience.
- Whether legislators should be allowed to serve.
- How to select the municipal representatives.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Sub-Committee members agreed to adjourn at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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