Litchfield Waste Reduction Committee Meeting

Held at Litchfield Town Hall

October 14, 2026

Chairman J Geci called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Members Present: J Geci, S Mullen, K Zullo

Attending: D Raap, First Selectwoman, Tory from Waste Zero attending

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was no quorum for the September meeting and no minutes to vote on.

CHAIRMANS REPORT

J Geci will get in touch with WZBG and will do an interview for Cable 5. The town is considering organizing a shred day for the fall. J Geci spoke with the LCC about a time to talk to the public, but

J Geci talked with Paul at the Recycling Center about organizing a day to have people bring their pumpkins to the recycling center by Saturday, November 14th and to come watch them be smashed by the RC's tractor.

Hazardous Waste Day will be October 24 in Torrington.

WASTE ZERO GRANT UPDATE

J Geci will speak with the fire department about adding water to the compost. J Geci shared statistics from Bay State Textile collection (a total of 5360 tons across all locations), which shows the textile collection program working.

J Geci is working on grant reporting. Current program successes include creation of communication materials, such as flyers and magnets as well as talking with the public around town.

Tory reports that bags will hopefully be in stores by first week of November. J Geci will organize a bucket stuffing event for Saturday, November 7 and will include 5 of the kitchen sized bags.

Next steps will be continuing promotion, soliciting volunteers for upcoming events, and educating staff at the Recycling Center. Training is planned for tomorrow with the Tory and the Recycling Center.

Tory reported that she is working on gathering baseline data so the effect of the program can be measured. For example, finding ways to gather daily and monthly weights of the compost so the change can be measured. Tory will put together a press release for the town to put out. People can pick up their bucket at the recycling center and town hall.

K Zullo will be making a Scarecrow promoting bringing trash, recycling, and composting to the RC.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Zullo