

NH Network Plastics Working Group (PWG) #54

Sunday, November 12, 6 pm

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 3, 6 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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[Plastics Working Group Slide Deck Link](#)

[Ten Towns Toolkit website Link](#)

[2024 Facilitator Schedule](#)

[Action Tracking Spreadsheet](#)

[NH Network Bills Resource](#)

 Ten Towns Ten Actions Promotion Pieces

(All are invited to add resources to the first two slide decks)

Attending

(KEEP THIS LIST INTACT AND EDIT EACH MEETING - USUALLY SIMILAR ATTENDEES SHOW UP EACH TIME)

NOTE: Names in **bold** were in attendance.

Ann Podlipny, **Bonnie Christie**, **Bruce Norlund**, Carol Sullivan, **Christina Dubin**, **Cindy Heath**, Cynthia Walter, Darla Thyng, Jane Roth (Weare), Kennedy McGrath, **Kristine Baber**, **Mary Armstrong**, Nancy Dowey, **Patsy Beffa-Negrini**, Peggy Longley, **Rep. Lucius Parshall**, **Susan Richman**, Raelene Shippee-Rice, **Jack Hurley**, **Susan Richman**, **Rep. Sherry Dutzy**, **Rep. Tony Caplan**, **Nora Bosworth**, **Peter & Noreen Neville**, **Reb McKnzie**, **Jim Contois**, **Carol Foss**

Welcome New Folks, Land Acknowledgment, Norms

New Members

Peter Neville - Plymouth, MA - Town Meeting Rep - Mental Health Advocate/People with Disabilities
Noreen Neville - interested in the topic of plastics waste/pollution; looking for information
Rep. Tony Caplan - Henniker, Bradford, Warner - Working on Waste (incineration); on Env. & Ag Comm.; signed on to EPR Bill, fought chemical recycling, landfill/waste issues
Clark Corson- co-founder of Collaborative Solid Waste Strategies; Plymouth, MA: gearing up to address elementary curriculum; 42 year lobbyist for beverage industry; shifted gears
Nora Bosworth - CLF staff attorney; lead NH/ME/VT Zero Waste projects; in Portland, ME; present for NH leg sessions; works with Tom Irwiin

[Facilitator Schedule](#) (LINK) - 2024 Schedule Open For Sign Ups - Facilitators & Note Takers needed

Cindy Heath will continue to set up an agenda, send reminders. We will meet when we have facilitators.

Events

- **February 2024 - "Rethink Plastic: Global and Local Solutions to The Plastic Crisis" (working title)**
 - Shifting to our 3rd anniversary! [Link to Planning Doc](#)
 - Peter from Just Zero; Christina from Beyond Plastics; Nora from CLF; EPR state rep; innovations in packaging rep; Seacoast restaurant pilot
 - Focus on the future of packaging? Packaging solutions?
 - Focus on EPR Updates from States?
 - Carol Foss will help brainstorm
 - Cynthia W will provide slides on toxics in packaging in Maine

Agenda

1. Collaboration with Conservation Law Foundation (Nora Bosworth, Kristine Baber)

- Co-leads Zero Waste Project - following up on founders (Kirstie Pecchi, Peter Blair)
 - Zero Waste Project now part of [Safer States](#)
- Goal is to move us closer to reuse and refill systems, circular economy
- Legislative appearances, community lawyering; EPA testimony
- Role with PWG TBD; connected with Kristine B. who invited Nora to join our meetings
 - Choose a few priority bills in each state, works with legislature
 - Attend every other meeting; mutual benefit
- Priority Bills:
 - **EPR for Packaging - LSR 24-3139 - Rep. Lucius Parshall**
 - Committee Report
 - <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/committees/1659/reports/Chairmans%20Final%20Report.pdf>
 - Minority Report
 - <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/committees/1659/reports/%20Minority%20Final%20Report.pdf>
 - More than a waste management tool; reduces packaging, plastic, toxics
 - Complex bill nationally; need to support Rep. Parshall with fact sheets
 - Beyond Plastics & Just Zero fact sheets coming
 - Persuasive Fact Sheet - Why? What? How?
 - Policy details - for legislators
 - Comprehensive Q & A for how the bill functions for Rep. Parshall
 - **Kristine & Christina are leading the document prep process**
 - **Container Deposit Law - LSR 24-2793 - Rep. Sherry Dutzy**
 - Current language more palatable to industry
 - No handling fee; program run by PRO (producer responsibility organization)
 - Appeals to redemption centers (retail) are compensated for dedicated space
 - Performance targets, minimum redemption rates; industry run
 - Underscore the reuse/refill component, including infrastructure
 - Funds from unclaimed deposits used to uplift infrastructure
 - Concerns about timing of draft coming out and sign off process 11.17 to return drafts to sponsors
 - **PFAS - LSR 24-2805 - Rep. Karen Ebel**
 - Bans PFAS upstream - landfill leachate
 - Products: carpets, rugs, cosmetics, fabric, fem hygiene, food packaging, juvenile products, PPE, dental floss, upholstered furniture
 - Establishes intrajurisdictional clearing house of state agencies to implement technical requirements; streamlines database, enforcement, education components
 - Karen's strategic experience with DES enhances bill's component
 - By 2026 all mfrs must notify of PFAS in products; requires labeling
 - MN & ME require notification to a shared database
 - Shared database will make it easier for subsequent state to engage
 - Unregulated, not understood because it's not disclosed, studied
 - Focus on post pollution impacts not enough
 - NE Waste Management Officials Association - northeast WM professionals have drafted a bill to ban PFAS; phases out non-essential PFAS use
 - **Skip the Stuff - LSR 2270 - Rep. Tony Kaplan**
 - Requiring restaurants to provide single use plastic utensils only on request

2. Updates from Ten Towns, Ten Actions Leaders & Attendees

- **Ann - Chester:** Chester Academy celebrated Plastic Free Lunch Day (11/8/23). Bonnie Bethune (NRRRA) and I are giving a presentation at the Chester Library on Recycling and Reducing Use (1/8/24). Met with three members of Congress this week to discuss the new federal bill sponsored by Merkley/Huffman. Our Indigenous group met with staff at the Independence Museum in Exeter to plan an Indigenous garden this spring.
- **Bonnie - Hopkinton:**
- **Bruce - Keene:**
- **Carol - Center Harbor:**
- **Christina - Portsmouth:** Presenting to Portsmouth HS Eco-Club. Plugging away on Seacoast Reusable restaurant pilot
- **Cindy - Cornish Flat:** Mesh Bag Mamas nearing completion; continuing convo with Co-op on phasing out SUP; no go on Blue Sky Group for reusable pilot (understaffed); talking about Skip the Stuff as a alternative, easier initiative; working with UVLSRPC on municipal composting pilots
- **Cynthia - Dover:**
- **Kristine - Dover:**
- **Mary - Harrisville:** Made a Foam run and assisted with another; Working on NexTrex; Working on next article for our work for our Community Newsletter
- **Patsy - Nelson:** Sent out the Nov/Dec Ten Towns Toolkit Today Newsletter.
- **Peggy - Sandwich:**
- **Susan - Durham:** middle school evening showing 45-min version Kiss the Ground & students discussed their composting programs in the High School & Middle School; town signs "Say No to Single-Use Plastics"
- **Nancy - Bristol:**
- **Tara Schroder, Tamworth:**

3. Collective Actions Updates

- **Restaurant Project (Christina, Kristine)**
 - [Foodware To Go Containers](#) (stainless steel w/ silicone lid)
- **Mesh Bag Mamas (Cindy)**
 - 1,100 bags handmade by 35 volunteers
 - Distributed at Lebanon Co-op & UV Food Co-op; Nov. 18 distribution at WR co-op; Hanover to come
 - Trying to get a meeting for next steps with co-op leadership
- **Priority Planning for 2023-24** *Updated 11.12.23*

Table of PWG Action Steps 2023-2024

Overarching Themes (In no particular order!)	Subcategories (In no particular order!)	SMART Goals Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound	Time Frame	Lead Person
#1: Keep Working in Our Own Towns and Regions	A. Composting	Increase # towns offering pilot composting programs or collection initiatives	UV focus 4 towns piloting by 9/24	Cindy Heath
	B. Mesh Bag Mamas	Raise awareness by co-op customers on reusable options for produce; Move co-op toward voluntary phase out of SUP bags in produce	Complete 1,000 bags; launch in October DONE	Cindy Heath

		section		
	C. Ten Towns Toolkit	Send out newsletter updates Nov/Dec; Annually update spreadsheet of actions taken	Nov/Dec-DONE; Jan/Feb; Mar/April; May/June; July/Aug; Sep/Oct; Nov/Dec; Action Update Feb	Patsy Beffa-Negrini Cindy Heath
	D. Restaurant Projects	Four restaurants selected to pilot reusables in Dover & Portsmouth; Fully funded		Dover Plastics Reduction Group, Kristine/Christina
	E. Saint Gobain PFAS	Help environmental justice campaigns in NH		Ann Podlipny
	F. Zero Waste Campaigns	Help communities explore the options		Reb interested
#2: Education (including tabling)	G. General Public (including Earth Day and PFJ)	"Do One Thing" campaign Possible soccer mentorship program with a fundraising goal to support environmental causes		Ann Podlipny
	H. Legislators	Support legislators in their efforts to introduce and pass legislation focused on reducing plastic waste and pollution	2023-24 session	CLF/BP to support and guide PWG
	I. Schools - Reuse Presentations			Cynthia Walter
	J. Toxics in Food Packaging and Recycled Plastic	Look at next legislative session for a targeted push; Truth in Labeling Laws; most influence at the state level;		NH HCCA Nurses for Planetary Health Revisit in April/May to assess learning and forward movement

				Susan will contact Paul F.
	K. Speaker's Bureau	Possible collaboration with HCWCA to get Beyond Plastics training?		Request speakers through BP
	L. Targeted Education	By age, by town committee, by political leaning, seniors, parents of young families; college students		Revisit in 2024 for 2025
	M. Connect with NRRA, Businesses for Social Resp., Libraries	Organic connections at conferences, gatherings		ALL
	N. <i>"Rethink Plastic: Global and Local Solutions to The Plastic Crisis"</i>	February Network presentation Christina Dubin will moderate	February 2024	Cindy Patsy Susan Carol
#3: Legislation DES Legislation Page: https://www.des.nh.gov/rules-and-regulatory/legislation	O. PWG member participate in EPR study committee (Model EPR)	Connect with Food Packaging Forum experts; Pursue truth in labeling law in NH		Bruce Norlund, Kristine Baber, Ann Podlipny
	P. PWG member participate in Solid Waste Working Group	Align with curriculum development by Collaborative Solid Waste Strategies group; Align with Cynthia Walker's work with UNH intern; NH Hospital Assoc & nursing home administrators; Beyond Plastics has a Meals on Wheels guide		Carol Foss
	Q. Banning single-use plastic; other legislation?	Three priority bills by CLF - EPR for Packaging, PFAS, Container Deposit Law; also Skip the Stuff bill		CLF Surfrider Beyond Plastics
	R. Dealing with 'chemicals of concern' and 'toxics' in food			See above

		packaging, similar to Maine's legislation		
	S.	Environmen tal Justice Saint Gobain PFAS	Help environmental justice campaigns in Saint Gobin affected communities	Ann Podlipny
#4: Social Media & Other Media	T.	Instagram		Kennedy McGrath
	U. V. W.	Facebook Chester FB Page NH Network	Regular PWG updates	Kennedy McGrath
	X.	Twitter or Threads		Kennedy McGrath
	Y.	Online Media	Invite Rep. Wendy Thomas, Rosemarie Rung & Nancy Murphy (Water Warriors) Mara Hoplamazian (NHPR)	
	Z.	NH Municipal Association		
	AA.	Action Network		Kennedy

4. Legislative - Current

- **Meetings with NH Senate & Rep staff** - (Carol, Ann, Darla)
- Carol attended a Beyond Plastics Affiliates (with two very important presentations)
 - Provided an overview of the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act ([S. 3217](#) and [H.R.6053](#)), which was just reintroduced by Senator Merkley and Representative Huffman. Jenny Gitlitz gave an overview of BP report, "[Chemical Recycling: A Dangerous Deception.](#)"
 - View the [recording here](#) and see the [full agenda notes here](#).
- **Bloomberg [Law Article](#)** - *US Senators Highlight Environmental Justice in Plastics Process*
- **Grist [Article](#)** - *Democrats Unveil Most Comprehensive Bill to Address Plastics Problem*
- **Container Deposit Law** - [Link to Working Document](#) - Sherry, Christina
- **EPR Study Committee Update**
 - [Resource Document](#) - EPR For NH - Advocate Resources

5. Legislative - Past

- **Chemical Recycling & Cumulative Impacts Bill** - Cynthia
- **08/06/2021 HOUSE BILL 618- Banning single use food product-polystyrene foam**
 - <https://legiscan.com/NH/text/HB618/id/2242207>
 - An Act relative to the sale and distribution of polystyrene food service products
 - SPONSORS: Rep. Spang, Straf. 6; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4
 - COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

6. Legislative - Future

- **Toxics in Food Packaging** - [Link to Working Document](#)
 - Should be a separate bill from container deposit law - who will champion this? NHHWCWA?

7. Social Media/Media

- Social Media Campaign (Kennedy)

8. Education

- **PWG Reuse Resources**
 - [Upstream Article: Reuse vs. Single Use: Economics](#)
 - [Foodware To Go](#)
 - [Reusable Packaging Association](#)
 - [Reuse Seattle](#)
 - [Reusables](#)
 - [Zero Waste USA](#)
- Thinking in Systems Training with Edie Farwell underway: Patsy, Cindy, Kennedy, Carol and Reb are involved in this. Patsy and Reb love it.
- Presentation to NH Legislative Committee on the environment
- Road map tour of NH legislative website
- Collective Action - Develop a book list on climate change for consideration by libraries
- Connect with Businesses for Social Responsibility
- Tabling venues to spread our message

Future Agenda Items

Links & Resources

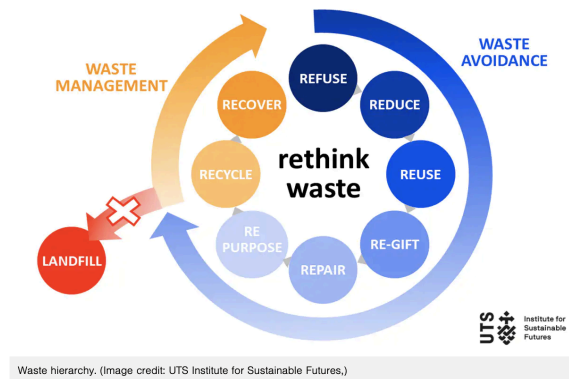
- [Beyond Recycling Plastic](#) (draft document created by Kristine Baber)
- [Biomimicry Website with Real World Solutions - Ask Nature](#)
- [Link to NH Network Brochure for Copying](#)
- [PPT by Susan Hodges with good material on alternatives to SUP](#)
- [Bloomberg Philanthropies - Beyond Petrochemicals Initiative](#)
- [UN Report on Chemicals in Plastics](#)
- [Recycled and Reused Food Contact Plastic Are Vectors for Toxics](#) (Swedish meta analysis)
 - Corresponding author: Birgit Geueke; Email: birgit.geueke@fp-forum.org
- [Project Drawdown](#) (Paul Hawken)
- [Low Carbon Diet](#) (You Tube - David Gershon)
- ["Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis"](#) by Erica Cirino

Community Action Works Notes and Future Planning

- [Campaign Planning Principles, Decision-Making Chart, Kick Off Meeting Notes](#)
- [#2 October 17 - Goal Setting & Timeline Notes](#)
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Additional Food for Thought:

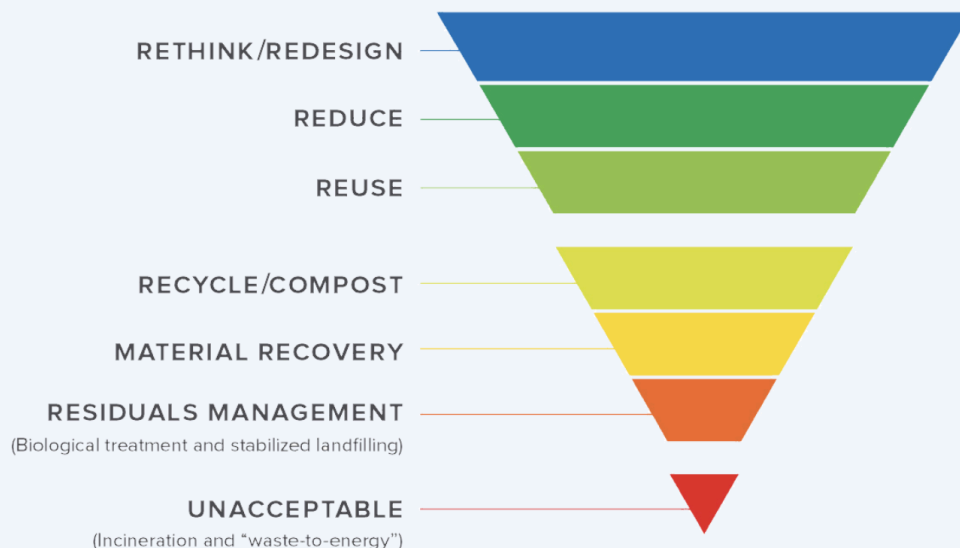
An **Extended** Waste Hierarchy



Version 8.0 — Last updated May 19, 2022

THE ZERO WASTE HIERARCHY 8.0

For detailed version visit www.zwia.org/zw



Zero Waste Hierarchy of Highest and Best Use 8.0

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