



SSRC MSW Manager/Board Agenda

August 18, 2011, Kingston Town Hall

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Attendance: **Abington:** Sharon White*; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown*; Mary Snow*; **Hanover:** Steven Herrmann*; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester*; **Kingston:** Gene Wyatt; **Norwell:** Joanne Dirk*; **Plymouth:** Kerin McCall*; **Rockland:** Rudy Childs*: Dan Balboni, MassDEP; Lawrence Barrett, Consultant; Kenny Mitchell, Newcomb Tree Service; Claire Sullivan, SSRC

* Appointed Board Members

Chairman Merle Brown called the meeting to order at 3:17.

Lori Besegai, Andy Marhoffer, **EOMS Recycling**, 508-587-9686, lbeseagai@eomsrecycling.com. In business for 18 years, located in West Bridgewater. Lori came from Allied Waste, had subcontracted some services to EOMS. Provide complete resource management service to NH, Worcester, RI, South Shore. Collect and process recyclables, electronic waste, batteries, and organics including food waste, document destruction. Main customers are mostly institutional, schools, and commercial, including some marinas. Subcontract trash collection from commercial accounts. Sort single stream on site.

She is available to do school presentations at assemblies, waste audits, contests and other educational outreach. Work with a lot of private schools.

MassDEP is contemplating a ban on food waste, EOMS can help with setting up programs. Bring material to a facility in Westport.

EOMS does community outreach- in kind sponsor of the Scooper Bowl in Boston, composted 8.5 tons of food and corn based plasticware. Outrunning Homelessness- tutoring homeless kids, events.

Mr. Herrmann: businesses come in with cardboard, can they give EOMS number? Ms. Besegai: Yes, have partnerships with haulers in communities. Do an onsite waste audit first to determine each customer's need, "right size" the trash. \$86/month for a 10 CY cardboard dumpster, stays constant despite market variability, solid company.

Is working with Mark Patterson, the Scituate Harbormaster to start single stream, do work with other Marinas. Steamboat Wharf started at the beginning of the season, did lots of pre-education. Working very well. Hope to get Scituate Harbor started next season.

Ms. White: Christmas trees? Ms. Besegai: Have all sorts of trucks, can provide hauling and end site.

Approve **June** minutes (vote) Mr. Herrmann moved to accept as written, Ms. White seconded, AIF.

Treasurer's report Ms. Dirk reported that SSRC is carrying forward \$2,404, have about \$6,000 outstanding receivables from DEP. All but one town paid FY12 dues.

Electronic Waste Processing proposals; award (vote) Mr. Sylvester reported that the Ewaste RFP Subcommittee had received 5 proposals. 4 were nonresponsive, CRTRecycling was the only responsive, and also low bid. Most of our towns already send their Ewaste to CRTRecycling. Recommended not to award.

Ms. Sullivan noted that there is discussion between vendors, municipalities and the Mass. Dept. of Labor on the applicability of Prevailing Wage to transfer station hauling contracts. Has a 1996 letter from Mass. DOL stating that if costs are covered by user fees for services provided by a municipality, prevailing wage does not apply. Mr. Kopych reported to her that he had a new DOL letter that prevailing wage applies to all contracted services provided to municipalities. A solid waste district in Western Mass. is challenging DOL about this.

Mr. Sylvester moved not to award, Ms. Dirk seconded, AIF.

Regional disposal contract negotiation update, designee (vote) Ms. Sullivan reviewed the history of the regional Solid Waste Contract Advisory Committee being facilitated by the Cape Cod Commission. At the most recent meeting, 3 companies that expressed interest in bidding gave presentations, Waste Management, EL Harvey and Sons, and MassCoastal Railroad. SEMASS and the Bourne ISWMF are also in the running.

Next step is to meet in a smaller group, with attorney John Giorgio, CCC's Patty Daley, and one representative each from the Lower Cape, Mid Cape, Upper Cape, and South Shore. Hanson's Town Manager Rene Read is very interested in the process.

Ms. White moved that Ms. Sullivan represent the interested SSRC member towns on the CCSWCAC subcommittee, Mr. Sylvester seconded, AIF.

Ms. Sullivan will seek input from and provide feedback to all interested member towns, which currently include all our towns except Scituate and Weymouth.

New DEP Municipal Assistance coordinator Dan Balboni, Technical Assistance grants: Covers 31 towns, including the SSRC's 14. Mr. Balboni was with Allied for 30 years. Has met with a lot of our solid waste managers and Ms. Sullivan. Can work with SSRC, Ms. Sullivan as a team. Noted big discrepancies in disposal contracts among towns.

Many beaches on North Shore have Carry in-Carry out policies. Some provide bags, no trash barrels. Beverly's Lynch Park has a champion, a gate, help make it successful.

Big Belly solar compactors – Quincy has a lot of public trash barrels, takes a lot of time for DPW to pick up. BB holds 4x volume of the amount of trash. On many campuses. SS recycling bin next to compactor. Norwell has 2, working very well. Recycling Committee empties recycling. Hanover- the recycling bin attracts trash at Sylvester Field. Contact is Rick Gaudette.

Mr. Sylvester asked what happened with BOHs getting authority to permit transfer stations from DEP? Ms. Sullivan noted that the decision was reversed around June, was in SSRC newsletter. Mr. Sylvester: No official notice was sent. Mr. Balboni will look into it.

Technical Assistance grants are available for Mr. Balboni's time, help on specific projects, such as bids/contracts, PAYT, etc. www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/grantsfi.htm

Executive Director's Report:

Data: Provided summaries of CY10 MSW/Recycling data, Spring 2011 HHW data. Bottom lines showing lbs/household/year for trash and recycling are very informative. Below that are a range of trash tonnage and cost projections if PAYT were implemented in non-PAYT towns. Ms. White noted data errors: Abington \$3/bag; bulky \$10/item.

Waste characterization study showed 5% of disposed tonnage is textiles. Plan to research, write article about textiles recycling. Collection boxes can accept unwearable items, rags, all recycled. Mr. Herrmann noted that all Red Cross collection goes to rags, not resale. Ms. Sullivan needs to gather more info, then will write and release, hope to divert more from trash.

Exhibit from MassDEP grant will be displayed at Marshfield Fair. Distributed outreach materials (bumper stickers, HHW flyers).

Updated Bottle Bill report: Several on Board attended July 20 hearing, Mr. Herrmann and I testified. Most testimony supported legislation. Meeting with speaker DeLeo's staff next week, Ms. White plans to accompany, all are welcome. UBB Coalition filed a ballot initiative for 2012, need to collect 70K certified voter signatures by late November.

Review updates, which are emailed every 2-3 weeks.

New business Ken from Newcomb Tree is looking for leaves, brush, did grinding in Hanover; take back to yard for cost of fuel. Yard is in Hanson. Don't want too much grass.

Mr. Wyatt asked if Ms. Sullivan could reach out to different recycling vendors about what they don't want, i.e. plastic bags, ceramics, do's and don'ts. She will do in course of conversations with vendors.

Next meeting: Wed., Sept. 14, Abington Town Hall. (Thursday, 9/15 is PCHA meeting).

Adjourn 4:28