



SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes

October 17, 2013, Weymouth Town Hall (75 Middle St.)

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Attendance: **Cohasset:** Merle Brown *, Mary Snow*; **Hanson:** Deborah Brownell*; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester*, Brenda Black; **Kingston:** Gene Wyatt*; **Norwell:** Brian Flynn*, Vicky Spillane; **Plymouth:** Greg Smith; **Rockland:** Rudy Childs*; **Scituate:** Kevin Cafferty*; **Weymouth:** Bob O'Connor*, Daniel McCormack, Matt Brennan, Rosemary Nolan

Heather Billings, **Center for Eco-Technology**; Janine Delaney, **MassDEP**; Claire Sullivan, **SSRC**; Patti Howard, Dan Peters, **Covanta SEMASS**

9:15 Chairman Kevin Cafferty called to order. Mayor Kay welcomed the Board.

Dan Peters, Program Manager; Patti Howard, **Covanta SEMASS**: mercury Material Separation Plan logistics. Started in 2000. Recent changes were made to incentivize more mercury recovery, effective Jan, 1, 2013. Keepmercuryfromrising.org is still up, Universal Waste Shed support, HHW collections. Rebate program is new, replaces exchange program, covers Compact Fluorescent Lamps, thermometers, switches, and BP cuffs. Also doing new outreach for WWTPs to replace flowmeters, and pumps with non-mercury models.

Towns should identify who gets rebate money. Can be used to offset SSRC membership dues, sharps collection costs, etc. Cape has collected \$5,229. Rebate only for long term contract towns with SEMASS.

If material goes through CRS, devices are itemized on bill to SEMASS. Patti verifies numbers, town identifies recipient of rebate (one per town). Recipient needs to submit W9 forms. Data will be made available to towns online eventually. (Other vendors don't /won't itemize. Count must be reported to DEP.)

SEMASS has provided Fire Depts with mercury mgmt info, but it is not really a FD issue. Described Rockland incident where a broken thermometer became overblown into a costly fiasco. Will send PDF of FD instructions to me to post on SSRC website. All FDs received laminated instructions last spring.

In case of a mercury release (i.e. broken thermometer), a reclamation company (i.e. CRS) should go to source. When "loose" it is considered a hazardous waste. When still confined inside a product, it is "universal waste", which is much less costly to manage. Cost will be covered by SEMASS.

SEMASS will send out a mailer this fall giving towns the information about rebate eligibility, and request who should receive the funds. Annual payments will be made in January. Can designate SSRC, to offset next year's dues.

MassRecycle will be putting on some trainings for any and all participants who manage mercury, regardless of disposal contract status.

Request boxes and buckets for bulbs at time of pickup, not separate trip. Avoid delivery, fuel charges.

Introductions

Approve Sept. minutes: Mr. Brown moved that the Sept. minutes be approved as written Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. All in favor.

FY14 Plan –distributed for Board member review, comment. SSRC seeks to provide the services and resources that the Members find important.

Position on Litter Tax/Bottle Bill repeal [S379](#): Distributed summary September testimony relating to S379. Board discussed ramifications, cost to municipalities. It was noted that the Kingston Boy Scouts collect deposit containers, get mostly nondeposit containers. Mr. Brown moved that the SSRC oppose S379, Mr. Wyatt seconded, AIF

SSRC event planning; Have done Legislative Breakfasts with Plymouth County Highway Ass'n past 2 years, did not participate as cosponsor this year. Seeking other ideas. Mr. Wyatt: Kingston Mall wants to do a green event; Mr. Cafferty: EBoard discussed ways to increase visibility in nonmember towns. Recommend holding an info session at MMA, Coffee for TMs, BOSs for information, recruit other towns. Explain how SSRC saves towns money, staff time. RN: MMA event, location is important. Hold at an interesting venue such as a country club, or county jail. Raffle Patriots tickets-sponsor?

Executive Director's Report:

Joseph Lambert, who retired from MassDEP a few years ago, recently passed away. Remembered his contributions to waste reduction efforts in the area.

[Newsletter](#) review – please read titles at least, good, relevant information.

HHW RF,- start now, award December. Review committee Randy, Kevin.

Grind-screen IFB preparation - Who uses? Hingham, Cohasset, Norwell, Weymouth have..
NER had Norwell Highway staff doing a lot of work. Bid November.

Legislation/regulation report – Universal recycling [bill](#) and BOHs- Met with a working group of stakeholders, organized by MassRecycle. MHOA was there, recommended looking at Ch. 590, 410 regulations (housing, sanitary codes). Mr. Flynn noted that those regs take a long time to change. Housing code hasn't been updated for 15 years. DPH only has one person working on it. Would have to be flexibility, retain some local authority. Provide template bylaw? Haulers would like more uniformity.

SWANA SNE presentation – will be doing presentation with John Fischer (MassDEP) in plenary session next week about Universal Recycling bill.

New business: Mr. Cafferty thanked Director for speaking to Scit 7th graders about recycling on 10/31

Next meetings: Nov. 14, Rockland; Dec. 19, Plymouth; Adjourn 10:35



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10:00 am - 2:00 pm



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