



## **SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes**

**April 11, 2013, Abington Town Hall**

**Sponsored by Troupe Waste Services, Inc.**

**Accepted May 9, 2013**

Attendance: **Abington:** Susan Brennan\*, Sharon White\*, Lorraine Mavrogeorge; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown\*, Mary Snow\*; **Hanson:** Deborah Brownell\*; **Hingham:** Brenda Black, Randy Sylvester\*, Susan Rowe; **Kingston:** Paul Basler\*, Doug Buitenhuys\*, Gene Wyatt; **Norwell:** Norm Thoms\*, Brian Flynn; **Rockland:** Rudy Childs\*, Janice McCarthy; **Scituate:** Kevin Cafferty\*

Janine Delaney, Ellie Donovan, **MassDEP**; Claire Sullivan, **SSRC**; Doug Troupe, John Troupe, **Troupe Waste Services, Inc.**

9:15 Chairman Brown called to order, introductions

John Troupe introduced [Troupe Waste Services](#), Inc. 781-340-0030. Started in 2003 with brother Doug, TWS serves 1300 commercial and 800 residential customers (most in Holbrook) with 7 trucks, employs 5 drivers. Based in Abington TWS equipment includes front load, rear load, roll off, and compactors. All residential and some commercial service is automated now.

TWS is a full service environmental company providing single stream recycling and waste hauling at competitive prices, with organics collection coming soon. They are changing the name to Troupe Waste and Recycling. Customers experience no unexpected price increases or fuel charges. TWS provides excellent customer service, and doesn't subcontract in their core area.

While they promote SS recycling with customers, only 20% of their commercial and half of residential customers recycle. Many clients either don't want to pay, don't have room for second dumpster, or don't want to bother even if it could save them money. They have provided recycling service at South Shore Hospital for 4 years. Trying hard to get a 212 unit condo complex in Stoughton to recycle, but have met with much resistance. TWS is starting to succeed with alternate trash/recycling pickup.

TWS is targeting commercial and residential customers for its new **organics collection** program, which can include meat, bones, fish, and soiled paper. Curbside organics collection is growing across the country. TWS will provide a 6 gallon bucket, compostable bags for \$8/pickup, will provide a second container at cost. Customers receive 10 gallons of compost in spring.

Material will go to a facility in Middleboro, Newland Farm in Norton; others are being sought. He asked if any of our munis were seeking permits to add food waste to their leaf piles (no response).

Some customers that use transfer stations may prefer not to bring food. People in PAYT communities may be interested too. With separate food collection, the frequency of trash pickup and size of dumpster can be reduced, offsetting the cost. Restaurants, other entities that will be subject to the upcoming food waste ban will need service, staff training. Start with back of house food prep waste. The Town of Hamilton went to biweekly trash collection with weekly organics collection.

TWS is seeking municipal contracts for all services. If munis are interested in doing a pilot food waste program either curbside or at a transfer station, TWS would reduce price, could pay for self. Would provide dumpster or carts for residential dropoff in compostable bags. Need to pick up frequently to prevent odors, rodents.

**Approve March minutes:** Mr. Cafferty moved to accept as written, Ms. White seconded, AIF

**Financial Report** (Treasurer Paul Basler): Bay State Textiles paid another \$2400 for logo use, we're in good shape. Would like to step down as treasurer next year.

**Promotional handout report** (Brenda Black): Got next version of front page from volunteer graphics designer David White, it's not ready for prime time yet.

**Legislative Breakfast** discussion - Plymouth County Highway Association will hold Legislative Breakfast in fall. It was noted that not many legislators come, some send staff. Hosting is a big effort, expense. Instead, host speaker panel in fall, with bill sponsors and regulators? Suggestions: DEP-Mark Dakers, Greg Cooper, John Fischer; topics: closed landfills, organics. Volunteers: Ms. Donovan, Ms. Brennan, Ms. McCarthy. Seek sponsor.

**Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grants** (Janine Delaney) – deadline for applications is June 12. Changes include: PAYT is now called “SMART/PAYT”, transition to “SMART” (Save Money and Reduce Trash); payments this year are \$15/household for full curbside SMART; \$10/HH curbside with 1 barrel of trash included in flat fee/general fund; \$5/HH for dropoff towns.

Carts: \$15/organics cart, \$10/recycling cart

Grant funded coordinator now available for SMART program to enforce trash limits, private hauler recycling requirement.

ReTrac is replacing eDEP for grant submission. Used for **data surveys**, which have still not been submitted by several towns, and are required to qualify for grant consideration. Still using eDEP for transfer station, compost reports, in process of transition. If nothing else, apply for small scale targeted grant. Workshops are scheduled next few weeks.

SE MRC in Wrentham: Public Space, event recycling. 6/12

Janine has been writing “The Green Link” for the Norwell, Hanover Mariners) – short and sweet.

She is losing space in Braintree, **needs new host** for office. Host town gets \$750/month, with a 2 year contract. Formal process starts in next 2 months.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

**Ewaste RFQ** – just released, posted on website. Sent to 15 vendors; other suggestions? Metech, ReStream. Board directed Director to invite Peter to next meeting with details of TV arrangement.

Please verify [ssrcoop.info](http://ssrcoop.info) information for your town's compost bin availability.

Legislation report –

Universal Recycling bill: gave presentation at MassRecycle Conference, seeking feedback from haulers.

UBB: Requesting commitments from area organizations in collecting signatures in fall for ballot initiative, exploring if there is sufficient volunteer power. Would it be permissible for volunteers to collect signatures at HHW collections? Ask permission from each host facility.

Ewaste bill: testified at hearing on short notice last week. Environment committee reported out both bills (Smizik and Pacheco), now in Senate ways and Means. Still working with an alliance of organizations. Post testimony online? Yes.

Incineration moratorium status: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs has not released its decision yet. SSRC sent comments in support of lifting moratorium, posted on web.

Regional contract negotiation status- almost finished. Director's questions were answered satisfactorily, final draft should be more specific. Notes from meeting provided.

Plymouth seeks info on redemption center- Malden B&C not responding. Kingston: The Can Man

**New business:** none

Next meetings 5/9, Duxbury; 6/6 Hanson. Meeting adjourned at 11:05.

**Ewaste RFQ sent to:**

Covanta  
 Complete Recycling Solutions  
 Computer Recycling USA  
 CRTRecycling  
 Electronic Recyclers International  
 EMC Recycling  
 EOMS  
 Good Point Recycling  
 KLT Industries  
 Metech  
 Miller Recycling  
 Northeast Materials Handling  
 Office Recycling Solutions  
 RMG Enterprises  
 Veolia  
 Waste Management

<b>SEMASS</b>				
<b>Communities included in Cape Cod Commission Group</b>				
<b>As of December 2012</b>			<b>Current</b>	
		<b>Exp Date</b>	<b>Tonnage</b>	
<b><u>Cape Towns (10)</u></b>				
1	Barnstable	1/1/2015	9,282	
2	Chatham	1/1/2015	5,457	
3	Dennis	1/1/2015	4,446	
4	Eastham	1/1/2015	2,750	
5	Harwich	1/1/2015	7,098	
6	Mashpee	1/1/2015	5,152	
7	Orleans	1/1/2015	2,347	
8	Provincetown	1/1/2015	3,058	
9	Truro	1/1/2015	1,508	
10	Wellfleet	9/1/2016	1,881	
			<b>42,979</b>	
<b><u>Off-Cape Towns (5)</u></b>				
1	Duxbury	12/31/2015	2,496	<b>Tier 2</b>
2	Hanson	1/1/2015	2,758	
3	Plymouth	1/1/2015	11,878	
4	Rockland	6/30/2015	4,707	<b>Tier 2</b>
5	MV Refuse District	8/31/2015	7,731	<b>Tier 2</b>
6	Abington	6/30/2015	4,171	<b>Tier 2</b>
7	Hingham	12/31/2015?	6,646	<b>Tier 2</b>
8	Cohasset	?	1636	<b>Tier 2</b>
			<b>85,002</b>	
	Tier 1		<b>57,615</b>	
	Tier 2		<b>27,387</b>	

