



SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes
Thursday, November 3, 2016, Abington Town Hall

Accepted 12/15/16

Attendance: **Abington:** Lorraine Mavrogeorge*, Sharon White*; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown*, Mary Snow*; **Duxbury:** Peter Buttkus*; **Hanson:** Donna Tramontana*, Arlene Dias; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester*, Brenda Black; **Kingston:** Paul Basler*, Gene Wyatt*; **Norwell:** Brian Flynn*; **Rockland:** Janice McCarthy*; **Scituate:** Sean McCarthy*; **Weymouth:** Fred Happel*; Director Claire Galkowski.

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Guests: **MassDEP:** Todd Koep; **Republic Services:** Terry Grady;

Republic Services provided breakfast.

Chairman White called to order at 9:07, introductions.

Terry Grady, **Republic Services, presentation;** Recycling is challenging right now, with numerous business failures in the past 2 years. Planning for the new SS MRF in Freetown is on hold for now.

Plastic bags are the biggest recycling problem, followed by food contamination and styrofoam. Processors don't open bags. This has led to more residuals, higher costs.

Glass is hard on equipment, has low/negative value. Over the past ten years there has been a change in recycling material mix; less newspaper, more plastic, lighter weight/unit. Nonrecyclable flexible packaging is replacing tin cans.

Single stream is better logistically, achieve pretty good separation, but contamination hurts. China is refusing lower value mixed plastics. Education is important, difficult.

Contracts are partnerships, shared risk and benefits ideal. If town doesn't want to share risk, base cost will be high. New contracts use commodity based index with base fee, contamination fees.

Commodity pricing is improving past few months.

Republic has a website, app, can reschedule missed pickups through app. Rockland is next, more improvements over next two years. Towns want the right to decide on return for noncollected waste.

How many loads are rejected due to contamination? None. More residuals result in higher processing costs. Review aggregate composition quarterly, and adjust pricing.

Dave Connor is new GM in Marshfield, 781-536-3135. Attended Sept. meeting.

Approve [September minutes](#): Mr. Basler moved to accept as written, Mr. Buttkus seconded, AIF

Grind screen contract evaluation, extension: New England Recycling proposed level pricing on horizontal grinding contract, offers tub grinding. Mr. Sylvester moved to extend NER contract, Mr. Brown seconded, AIF

Wicklow Wood proposed a 3% increase for tub grinding. Difficulty getting rid of wood chips was noted, may account for increase. Hingham has them remove, Abington keeps. Wicklow also services Norwell, Rockland and Weymouth. Good service Not unreasonable. Mr. Sylvester moved to extend Wicklow Wood contract, Mr. Brown seconded, AIF

Lion's Head Organics proposed level pricing for compost screening; sometimes slow to respond, but do a good job. Mr. Basler moved to extend contract with Lion's Head, Mr. Brown seconded, AIF.

Recycling Education and Compliance Officer [job description](#) Add High School degree to Minimum qualifications. Specify no health insurance. Insurance cost is covered in budget. Concern about level of responsibility, residents' reaction to enforcement. Mainly educational. See if long term impact- return after 6 mos/1 year. Concern about continuity, what if they quit mid term? Nothing we can do about that, is risk of hiring. CORI requirement. Post in colleges, Recycle-MA, town websites, Todd Constant, Indeed, Beyond, Monster, MR website.

Mr. Brown moved to approve job description as amended, Mr. Basler seconded, AIF

RDP changes (Todd Koep - See [handout](#)). DEP awarded \$1.5M in Recycling Dividend Program grants this year. MACs have been advocating for changes, got some of requested.

- Small Scale OR RDP, not both, but RDP \$/point was substantially increased.
- Still 6 point minimum, next year will increase.
- More total points available: bundled price hauler regs, compost bin distribution/promo, waste prevention outreach/education, food waste. Fire extinguishers/propane tanks, plastic bags added to CHARM options.

SE MRC 12/14 will discuss TRP anti-contamination program in Wrentham, maybe he and Ms. Galkowski can set one up in our area.

Bylaws review, committee (view [here](#)) Ms. Mavrogeorge can start, Ms White, Ms. Tramontana, Ms. Galkowski will start looking at. Bring to Board by March meeting.

EWaste options – PCS is eliminating municipal service end of Nov, CRT Recycling bankrupt, operating out of A&P Enterprises in Berkeley, leasing big facility in New Bedford. Exploring options, provided relevant state Contract information. Most other vendors require packing in gaylords, or shrink wrap/palletize. Director is gathering more information from area processors. Invite to next meeting.

Kingston uses CRS, CRS brings gaylords, his staff packs. Dux has had billing issues with CRS. Director will check on EIS, add to list, email updated info to Board, include special events pricing. Hingham uses CRS now. Packaging and associated labor cost is an issue.

Executive Director's Report: Review [SSRC Updates](#) .

FY17 Priorities—only 9 respondents, highly varied, seek more input, bring to next meeting.

New business – Mr. McCarthy was asked to bring former Chairman Cafferty a plaque and our thanks.

Next meeting: Dec 15, Duxbury Senior Center

Adjourn 10:33