



SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes
Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016, Duxbury Senior Center

Accepted 11/3/2016

Attendance: **Abington:** Lorraine Mavrogeorge*; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown*, Mary Snow*; **Duxbury:** Peter Buttkus*; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester*, Brenda Black; **Kingston:** Paul Basler*, Gene Wyatt*, Jean Landis Nauman, David O'Connell; **Middleboro:** Donna Jolin*; **Norwell:** Vicky Spillane*; **Rockland:** Janice McCarthy*; **Weymouth:** Fred Happel*; Director Claire Galkowski.

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Guests: **EZ Recycling:** Rosemary Nolan; Republic Services: Dave Connor;

Presenter: **Town of Needham:** Gregory Smith

Republic Services provided breakfast.

Vice Chairman Brown called to order at 9:05, introductions.

Greg Smith has been Needham DPW Superintendent for 2 years. Did a pilot recycling education campaign at Needham Transfer Station with The Recycling Partnership to reduce contamination. Needham has a population of 26K. TS and compost area is 30 acres, modern, take a wide range of materials, have a swap shop. 81 Commercial haulers are allowed with a sticker, including food waste. Needham has used PAYT for 15 years, enterprise account. Separate cardboard, paper, and commingle. No sticker fee for residents, subsidy from General Fund. Waste goes to Wheelabrator Millbury, recyclables to EL Harvey. Staff of 10.

Observed high contamination level in mixed paper and commingled, especially plastic bags. Visited EL Harvey, saw how contaminants impacted sortation. Plastic bags gum up conveyors, have to shut down frequently to remove, dispose.

DEP was planning a pilot to reduce contamination concurrently, awarded to Needham and three curbside munis. The Recycling Partnership (TRP) went to Needham, worked out scope calling for a 3 month project to reduce contamination. No cost to Needham.

Grant provided Educational signage (\$10K; Needham added \$10K match for strong signs, more still needed), residential mailing, paid temps to work with patrons, encourage buy in on site.

Designed clear, graphic heavy signage, few words, well designed (Smith/TRP).

TRP did simple graphic mailing to every HH in Needham, great impact (many calls).

Baseline audit was performed by DSM Environmental, pulled 100 cars out of line with consent (“study”), aggregated in separate area, estimated 15% contaminants in recycling. In addition to plastic bags including bagged recyclables, found trash in recycling (PAYT), i.e. diapers, paper towels. Broad interpretation of recyclable paper.

Two temps trained by TRP walked up and down recycling wall handing out info, talking to residents on Tuesdays and Saturdays in July-August. Need outgoing personalities.

Post-project audit showed reduction to >10% contamination. Still have A-frame signs, stickers for containers, metal signs. Solid approach, worked well. Hard to monitor site closely, not enough staff, big site.

He recommends DEP/TRP program, great collaboration.

Needham is working on private hauler bundled service regulation. Staff counts cars 4 weeks/year to estimate number of people who regularly use TS, about 7000. \$4.2M budget, includes compost. \$1.4M from GF (no sticker fee).

Needham gets income from accepting commercial food waste, mixed with yard waste. Sold 13K CY of compost to Agresource last year, growing. Hand picks contaminants from incoming residential yard waste. Trying to eliminate tailings. Odors? No complaints, turn food into yard waste windrows immediately upon delivery. Vermin? Seagulls. (wants to bring in falcon), fisher cats, coyotes, turkeys (night).

Mr. Smith is open to visits, and will send mailing design.

Approve **August minutes** Ms. McCarthy moved that the August minutes be accepted as written, Mr. Wyatt seconded, AIF

FY17 priorities – Director handed out a list of activities and asked the Board to indicate the value of each to their Town’s membership. Seven members turned in forms, in addition to two previous. Results will be tallied for next meeting.

Dues late fee ? only towns paid dues by 8/1 deadline, three didn’t pay until Sept. Takes time to chase down. Assess late fee going forward? July is confusing, old to new Fiscal year issues, many are on vacation. Most towns won’t pay late fee. Payment is out of Board members’ hands. Make due date August 15.

Mr. Basler moved to assess \$50 late fee on dues, Ms. Snow, seconded, 1 in favor, all others oppose.

Recycling Education and Compliance Officer grant scope

SSRC was awarded an \$82K DEP grant to hire a RECO, to be assigned to each interested and qualified Member Town for at least 5 weeks.

Reviewed document, municipal requirements to pass and enforce regulations prohibiting disposal of recyclables, and placement of nonrecyclables in recycling.

Curbside:

Rockland has mandatory recycling, could add prohibition of recycling contamination, visible recyclables, with no pickup as consequence.

Abington has nonpickup, fining structure.

Middleboro has nonpickup. No fining, would be a tough sell.

Norwell: no fining, but sticker and send hauler back if error is corrected in same day.

Weymouth: stickers noncompliant setouts, but picks up.

Nonmember Braintree: sticker explaining problem, return to address, if repeat, nonpickup the following week, third offense fine. Have never issued a fine.

All Boards of Health are authorized to fine for noncompliant setouts, no need for specific language.

Drop offs:

Hingham, Duxbury, Kingston, Cohasset - no fines, no appetite. Ban from Transfer station. Need flexibility.

Take out fine requirement. Specify that \$18K municipal match is in-kind staff time, not money.

Need the right fit, thick skin, experience working with general public.

Mr. Wyatt moved to accept grant scope as amended, Mr. Sylvester seconded, AIF

Hiring Committee: Mr. Basler, Mr. Buttkus, Ms. McCarthy, and Mr. Sylvester Director Galkowski will take first stab at job description, requirements.

Bylaws review, committee (view [here](#)) SSRC Bylaws have not been updated since 1999. Ms. Mavrogeorge has experience with bylaws, will review. Seek more committee members next month.

Executive Director's Report

Review **SSRC Updates** – had trouble linking printable version, does anyone care? ? yes, a few wanted to print. Website maintenance lady suggested we use our Facebook page, would anyone follow? Some would follow, recommend post every 2 weeks or so. Tip of the month? Can get to be a nasty forum, should be moderated. Check Midd TM page. Ms. Jolin will ask about settings.

The New, Improved **Mass. Product Stewardship Council (MASSPSC)** – has been informal for several years, founded by Lynne Pledger. SSRC Director was the last steering committee member still involved last year, pulled in MassRecycle and Product Stewardship Institute. About 30 municipal and other members worked on Paint Stewardship Bill together last year in monthly conference calls.

MR and PSI have just completed substantial legal and logistical work to formalize MASSPSC as a program of MassRecycle, in collaboration with Product Stewardship Institute. See Organizational chart below. Will be setting up a fee structure through MassRecycle membership. Can be paid with RDP funds. Encourage all to join.

Officers of Council must be MassRecycle Board members. Director was encouraged to run for board by MR and PSI, but in consultation with Chairman White, she declined the invitation, will participate as a Member.

New business – Director will be on Vacation from Sept 28-Oct 5

Next meetings: Nov. 3, Abington Town Hall

Adjourn 10:48

KEY

- Delegated Fiscal Authority
- No Fiscal Authority

