



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

**Thursday, March 23, 2017, Abington Town Hall**

### **Breakfast sponsored by More Than Words**

Attendance: **Abington:** Lorraine Mavrogeorge\*, Sharon White\*; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown\*, Mary Snow\*; **Duxbury:** Peter Buttkus; **Hanson:** Arlene Dias\*; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester\*; **Kingston:** Paul Basler\*, Gene Wyatt\*; **Rockland:** Janice McCarthy; **Whitman:** Alexis Andrews\*; **SSRC:** Director Claire Galkowski, RECO Julie Sullivan

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

Guests: **Capital Paper Recycling:** Bob Boucher; **MassDEP:** Todd Koep

More Than Words, Alexis Andrews, Janice McCarthy and Sharon White provided breakfast.

9:05 Chairman White called to order, introductions.

**More Than Words Associate Director of Development** Erin-Dyson-Enamorado and program senior Kyla spoke about MTW book recycling program.

MTW is a nonprofit social enterprise that teaches at-risk (court involved, foster care) youth business and life skills at their book store. Helps clients obtain GED, college admission, financial literacy. Not long term, helps them get to next level. MTW started in 2004 in Waltham, relocated to the old Medieval Manor in Boston when they grew. There is more demand than supply for placement.

Books, records, commercial DVDs (no VHS tapes) are donated at transfer stations, libraries, schools, houses of worship, recycling days from Ipswich to Norwood to Wellfleet. MTW provides 44"x44"x72" containers, does public outreach, including social media. MTW repurposes, resells online or at Stores in Boston and Waltham. They need more books.

Wholesale through thriftbooks.com, and a site in Georgia for vintage books. Take textbooks, workbooks from schools. Work with Friends of Library groups. Recycle unsaleable books.

**Kyla:** MTW teaches youth, including herself, to take charge of business and their lives, and to advocate for themselves. She lost 2 brothers to gun violence, and dropped out of school. A social worker directed her to MTW. She learned all aspects of running a book business. Girls and boys both work on trucks, can do anything. Your job is to work on self, GED. She is going to NEU to become a trauma nurse thanks to MTW pushing and helping. She is now a Senior Partner, the highest level.

MTW continues to work with them for 2 years after they graduate. DCF ages youth out at 22. MTW continues support. Some youth drop out, if not ready for the commitment, but can come back.

Training rounds start every month, are looking to expand.

Q: Does MTW go into libraries and help clean out? A: They leave a bin and dolly and pick up, and can also box from tables. Flexible, sensitive to space constraints.

Offered tour.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Financials were distributed. We are solvent. Legal fees for bylaw review unknown. First DEP reimbursement came in for RECO. Still seeking new Treasurer for July.

**HHW contract extension** (vote) Stericycle requested a 2.5% increase, allowed in RFP. Mr. Basler moved to accept, Mr. Brown seconded, AIF

**Bylaws** review – not quite ready, wrong version was reviewed by counsel.

Maximizing **2017 grant** benefits (Todd Koep): Reviewed chart of RDP point opportunities. Grant applications will be open next week on ReTrac. Thanked managers for finishing surveys etc on time. RDP programs must be in place before grant deadline to qualify for points.

Reminder: document **annual memo on buy recycled policy** before June 14, or lose grant eligibility. Make sure recycling in practice is being done in parallel with trash in non-school municipal buildings.

**Updated Master agreements** are due in June, necessary to receive funds. Todd sent out info to ReTrac contacts. Must be notarized, not optional. Authorized signatories: title is more important than name. Town Admin, BOH, recycling coordinator, BOS may be authorized.

**Recycling IQ Kit:** Abington and 7 other Mass. munis were awarded. Julie and Lorraine will use Oops tags, Thank you Recycling Superstar tags. Not a grant, Big technical assistance program to clean up recycling. Some MRFs are fining haulers for contamination. IQ materials are open source. DEP is providing the tags for Abington. RECO grant covers other towns.

**Recycling Education and Compliance Officer (RECO) report** (Julie Sullivan) She was hired by SSRC to do education in each of our towns. Working on behind the scenes stuff- TS's, MRFs, CPR, BMPs. Need agreements by tomorrow for service.

Met with Abington, Hanson,, Whitman, Scituate, Cohasset, Hingham. Duxbury next week.

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

Review SSRC Updates (to be published) – scrap buckets- charge sales tax? Rockland charges, thought necessary. TK will check.

WM tour reminder: April 30, 10 am.

CPR paper shredding offer- Bob Boucher – seeking more material. Free shred day to kick off permanent, secure lockable totes with signage, shred at CPR. Offered to all sSRC towns. Left literature. Set up tour. After next months meeting? He will check. Paper values are up, not expected to last. Historically high values. BB: Mobile shredding? CPR is open on Saturday, will take residential shredding for free, little traffic, they don't have a mobile shredder. Testing market.

Mercury management review – handed out highlighted info sheets regarding labeling, time limits, etc.

**New business** – Nominating committee: Mr. Basler, Ms. Andrews, Ms. McCarthy. EBoard let us know if they want to stay on

PB heard about DEP crackdown on oil tanks, must be in building? TK will look into it.

**Next meetings:** April 26, Abington Town Hall; June 1, Duxbury Senior Center (confirmed)

10:28 Adjourn