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December Board Meeting notes

RMG Enterprise sponsored delicious breakfast provided by the Duxbury Senior Center.

Mike Doran explained [RMG Enterprise](#)'s electronic waste recycling service. RMG is located in Nashua, NH, is R2 certified, and an awarded contractor on Mass. State Contract FAC82, Mass. Higher Education Consortium G25, and Northeast Resource Recovery Association contracts. RMG has worked with municipalities in MA, CT, RI, NH, and ME for 20 years, including Needham, Lynn and Somerville. Mass. State Contract rates are ceilings. RMG downsized in 2016, is growing again.

RMG can provide a 20 ft. container for \$175/mo. If a town has high volume (i.e. monthly pickup), could be lower or no charge. (Kingston's recycler CRS swaps out a 40 foot trailer monthly. Hingham has weekly pickup.) Volume discounts are available. Can accept power tools, white goods. Maximum charge is 19c/lb, for boxes or pallets of TVs and monitors. No charge for boxes or pallets with no TVs or monitors.

The SSRC recently coordinated a collection by RMG for Abington, Rockland and Whitman, saving the towns on freight. Would like to service schools as well. Seeks milk runs; needs to pull full trucks to be viable, maximize lbs/mile. Material must ultimately



be packed in gaylords or on pallets (provided for free); his guys are very good. RMG prefers that towns at least box small items (cords, printers, hair dryers).

RMG does one - day collections, can be multi-town. They can handle money collection. The challenge is predicting participation. CRTs, LCDs are getting fewer but bigger.

Coordinated, multitown scheduled pickups (milk runs) reduce transport cost. Prorate at \$20/pallet, not to exceed \$250. Each pallet is labeled as to origin, and holds two gaylords.

Contact Mike at mdoran@rmgenterprise.com . SSRC can assist in coordinating pickups.

Recycling Education and Compliance Officer update

Two applicants responded to the November job post. The Hiring Committee (Paul Basler, Peter Buttkus, Janice McCarthy, Randy Sylvester and Director Galkowski) interviewed both. They offered job to an outstanding applicant, but she was unable to accept for the \$21/hour pay due to day care costs.

Weekends, lack of set days/hours is a challenge. TS collections have different needs from curbside. Get schedules from curbside towns.

Board advised to tweak [description](#), re-post, cast net widely, interview mid-January. Offer outstanding applicant higher pay, fewer hours, shorter term? Consult with Hiring Committee, grant manager. *(Note: Director received 75 applications; Committee is reviewing 8 to further narrow field. Hope to schedule interviews for week of 1/23)*



EWaste options

Board reviewed pricing list from four vendors compiled by Director. Cohasset contacted Environmental Integrity Company about their price increase, hasn't heard back. Complete Recycling Solutions State Contract pricing is also high. Polled for interest in working together on milk run: All eight towns present were interested in considering. Send Claire tonnage, container size, frequency of pickup. Invite CRS, EIC to speak. *(Note: CRS will sponsor the January 18 meeting)*

Fall HHW review

Director distributed attendance summary, historical participation and cost comparison. Per car costs were lower than with the previous contract, as well as the State Contract. Visitor use is growing- **13% of attendees** came from non-host towns in 2016. Several visitors came without permission slips, so had to pay. Rockland provides blanket authorization, no form needed, recommend that other towns consider.

New business

Abington reported that **Bay State Textiles** sent its PTO's over \$10K in four years.

UTEC mattress service issues: Kingston and Hingham reported problems with mattress collection service by UTEC: 2 week response time, incomplete pickup, and service suspension for the next 3 weeks due to another contract. Containers are overflowing. Mattress grant requires that they use UTEC. Director will ask DEP if there are other vendors, and report poor performance. *(Note: in response to Director's report, DEP contacted UTEC and informed them that service suspension is unacceptable, and they need to collect all overflow material)*

Spring 2017 HHW schedule posted

SSRC towns will host six HHW collections this spring. Director awaits word on whether The Paint Exchange will take latex at any of them. The schedule is posted [here](#), and is as follows:

- 4/8 Weymouth DPW, 120 Winter St.
- 4/15 Plymouth DPW, 169 Camelot Dr.
- 4/29 Hanover Transfer Station, 118 Rockland St. (Rt. 139)
- 5/13 Duxbury/ Kingston , Duxbury Middle School, St. George St.
- 6/10 Hingham, Plymouth River School, 200 High St.
- 6/17 Scituate/ Cohasset, Scituate Highway Dept., 68 Capt. Pierce Rd.

Waste/recycling surveys, RDP reports due Feb. 15

Two annual reports are required in order to comply with the SMRP Grant Agreements. Both are accessed and submitted using your municipality's ReTRAC account. The existing account for your municipality must be used. Please contact [Janine Delaney](#) if you do not know who the ReTRAC account holder is for your city/town.



1. The **Calendar Year 2016 Recycling and Solid Waste** survey became available on ReTRAC on January 2, 2017 and is due by **February 15th**. If you have:
 - a. received a SMRP grant in the last 2 years,
 - b. intend to apply for [a SMRP grant](#) in June 2017 or
 - c. intend to apply for [Technical Assistance](#) in January,

this report **must be submitted** before you'll be able to submit another grant application. All other municipalities are encouraged to submit. A sample copy of the survey is available [here](#) for reference; however the survey must be submitted via [ReTRAC](#). Please contact your

MAC [Todd Koep](#), 781-293-1775, if you have questions. The [SSRC Director](#) is also happy to help Member Town solid waste managers with submission.

2. The **Calendar Year 2016 Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) Annual Report** also became available on [ReTRAC](#) on January 2, and is due by **February 15th**. If you were awarded funds under this program, **this report is required**. A PDF copy of the RDP Annual Report is available on the [RDP webpage](#) for reference; however it must be submitted via [ReTRAC](#). Scroll down on the webpage to find "RDP Recipient Reporting Responsibility."

Please contact [Dawn Quirk](#) if you have questions.

Introducing The Recycling IQ Kit!

MassDEP is excited to announce the launch of the Recycling IQ Kit, which was developed by The **Recycling Partnership**. In this case, IQ stands for "**Improved Quality and Increased Quantity.**"

The Recycling IQ Kit includes:

- Guidance for engaging with your MRF and hauler
- Instructions and tools for targeted messages
- Tools for tracking and reporting results
- Customizable artwork for education and outreach
- Resources for implementation of direct curbside/drop-off feedback



The Recycling IQ Kit materials are professionally written and designed to communicate key concepts effectively and can be customized to include your community name. The Kit is open source and available for use by municipalities, at their own expense, at any time. Above is an example of a graphic you can use on FaceBook to reduce plastic bag contamination.

We hope that many municipalities will adopt these designs and messages in order to have consistency across the state. Artwork is located [here](#). Please also be sure to read this [README](#) file to learn how to customize artwork with your community's information.

Recycling markets continue price rise

Posted on January 10, 2017 by Jerry Powell, Resource Recycling

The growing smiles you see among recycling collectors and processors are because of continuing market improvement.

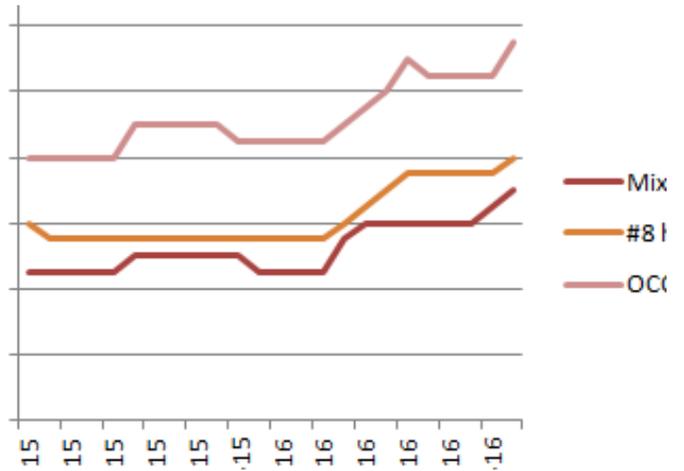
With oil and natural gas prices moving slightly higher in the past weeks, the value of plastics continues to inch up. For example, materials recovery facility managers report they were offered about \$10 per ton more for recovered HDPE and PET at the beginning of the new year.

These executives also say the value of recovered aluminum cans, at about 66 to 67 cents per pound (truckload of bales picked up from a supplier in the eastern U.S.), is slightly up from the year-end price.

Another piece of good news is the three-month-long boost in the value of ferrous scrap. Prices rose again in January as domestic mills re-stocked at a time of slim inventories in the scrap pipeline. For some scrap processors, sales prices went up between \$20 and \$30 per metric ton, varying by grade.

Recovered paper suppliers also report improved pricing in the first days of the year. A slight rise in export and domestic demand for old corrugated containers and mixed paper helped push prices up by \$5 to \$10 per ton in the new year. <http://resource-recycling.com/recycling/2017/01/10/recycling-markets-continue-price-rise/>

(Note: Member Towns receive paper index pricing through an SSRC subscription)



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