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September Board Meeting notes

The September SSRC Board meeting was held at Norwell Town Hall.

Mid City Scrap sponsored breakfast

Joe Hauser is [Mid City Scrap's](#) (MCS) regional buyer. The 80 year old family business in Westport recycles metals, plastic (including bulky rigid), cardboard, shredded-, news- and mixed- paper, and E-Waste. They don't accept glass.

The state of the art processing facility is on a rail spur. They ship domestically as much as possible. Customers include Cape and South Coast municipalities, as well as Fortune 500 companies.

With 8 trucks, MCS provides hauling service at \$50-100 /hour, and can provide containers. They pay for material based on American Metals Market and Yellow Sheet monthly indices. Metal prices have been volatile. (Paper pricing has been flat for months)

Recyclables: Residential mixed paper (with or without cardboard) is priced as mixed paper, currently paying \$10-15/ton. Loose cardboard (OCC) fetches \$50/ton, \$70-75/ton if baled.



Straight newspaper is at \$20-25/ton. There is currently no market for 1-7 or bulky rigid plastic, but MCS still accepts at zero, and has paid \$20-60/ton in the past.

Sister company **Mid City Steel** can credit value of scrap metal toward equipment, mechanical service, and fabrication.

Ewaste: MCS demanufactures all items but monitors, which they subcontract out. They provide certificates of destruction for hard drives, and ship to R2 certified companies. The area is secure. MCS pays rebate on non-monitors.

Freon appliances: MSC charges a fee to remove Freon at facility, and provides documentation. They can supply an open top appliance trailer and tipper.

Certifications: MCS was first in the region to sign up for [Scrap Theft Alert](#). They are certified mercury recyclers, and work with other processors on other contaminants. The facility has 18 cameras, a license plate scanner, and provides downstream documentation.

The distance from SSRC towns is an issue. A satellite yard has been proposed.

Joe Hauser can be reached at 401-369-0010, jhauser@midcityscrap.com

EBoard re-elected

The Board re-elected our leaders to a third term, expressing gratitude for their service.

Chairman: **Kevin Cafferty**, Scituate (vice chairman 2011-2013)

Vice Chairman: **Merle Brown**, Cohasset (chairman 2003-2013)

Treasurer: **Mary Snow**, Cohasset

Secretary: **Bob O'Connor**, Weymouth

FY 2016 Plan

The Director asked the Board to rate priorities, with the goal of providing our solid waste managers with relevant service. The [Form](#) is available here, and may be completed and emailed any time. Of most interest are:

- meeting logistics- attendance has been falling off. Adjust frequency? Length? Start at 9:05, strive to end at 10:30. Fixed location?
- Newsletter - do they serve your needs? Director has streamlined.

HHW roll off RFQ

The Director requested quotes for rollofts, got 3 good quotes from **ABC Disposal**, **Republic Waste**, and **Troupe Waste and Recycling**. Contact [Claire](#) for details.



Round 1 of DEP SMRP Grants announced

MassDEP recently announced Round 1 **Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP)** for Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) and Small Scale Targeted grants. \$1.4 million was awarded to 216 municipalities.

The SSRC and its member towns fared very well, with \$107,050 awarded.

| Municipality | RDP | Small-Scale | Total |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Abington | \$4,800.00 | \$1,250.00 | \$6,050.00 |
| Cohasset | \$6,000.00 | \$750.00 | \$6,750.00 |
| Duxbury | \$8,800 | \$1,000 | \$9,800 |
| Hanson | \$3,600 | \$750 | \$4,350 |
| Hingham | \$9,600 | \$1,250 | \$10,850 |
| Kingston | | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Middleborough | \$5,600 | \$1,250 | \$6,850 |
| Norwell | | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Plymouth | \$16,500 | \$2,000 | \$18,500 |
| Rockland | | \$1,250 | \$1,250 |
| Scituate | \$10,400 | \$1,250 | \$11,650 |
| SSRC | | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000 |
| Weymouth | \$24,000 | \$2,000 | \$26,000 |
| Whitman | | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| Total | \$89,300.00 | \$17,750.00 | \$107,050.00 |

A second round of awards across all other grant categories is expected later this month.

The news release is posted [here](#). A list of the grant awards is available [here](#).

Website update

The Director has been slogging through the many pages of our website, fixing broken links, refreshing information, and otherwise sprucing it up. The SMRP grant will pay for some much needed professional help from webmaster **Tom Rose** as well.

We need your feedback! Go to <http://ssrcoop.info/>, pick a page, and tell us how we can improve it. We especially need help with the Member Town pages, Business Help, and Learn More.

With about 450 visits/month, most of them first time, it's important that our information be accurate and up to date, and that the site be easy to navigate and understand.

The screenshot shows the website for South Shore Recycling Cooperative. The logo features a recycling symbol with a heart shape inside. The navigation menu includes: Home, Hazardous Waste, Other Stuff (dropdown), Latex Paint, News & Media (dropdown), and Roa. Below the menu is a green header for "Upcoming Meetings" with the following details:

- DATE:** Thursday, October 8, 2015, 9-10:30 (call to order 9:05)
- LOCATION:** WeymouthTown Hall, Council Chambers, 75 Middle St.

SSRC Director testifies on Ewaste Producer Responsibility bill

SSRC member towns spent about \$250K last year to recycle roughly 2 million pounds of electronic waste, most of it TVs and monitors.

Diminishing outlets worldwide for CRT glass have created backlogs of material at processing facilities and in some of our municipalities.

The Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture heard testimony on a wide range of bills on 9/29, including 2 E-Waste Producer Responsibility bills. The Director testified on those bills, which are re-files of the bills the Board voted to support in the last legislative session.



The **SSRC**, **Mass. Municipal Association** and **League of Women Voters** provided written testimony in support of [H756/S404](#); the SSRC Director was the only person in attendance who testified. Her [written testimony](#) also included comments on another e-waste bill, [S452](#).

Two industry groups, the Consumer Electronics Association and TechNet, testified in opposition to all producer responsibility bills.

Senate **Chairman Gobi** and House **Chairman Schmid** posed pointed questions to the industry representatives, and suggested we all meet separately to discuss concerns and options.

Director invited to regulatory advisory group

DEP **Commissioner Marty Suuberg** convened a stakeholder advisory group to solicit comments on proposed revisions to/rescission of 28 regulations, in accordance with Governor Baker's Executive Order 562. The Director was most surprised to receive a phone invitation to join the group from the Commissioner himself!

Four of the regulations proposed for rescission pertain to solid waste and recycling programs. One is a placeholder that was never used (310CMR 18), the others relate to thirty year old defunct grant programs (310CMR 35, 37 and 39). The Director asked for the text of the enabling legislation, from Acts of 1987, not available online. She will review to ensure that it would not impede the reinstatement of the Clean Environment Fund [H705](#), if passed.

Forty-four DEP regulations were recommended for retention, including 10 CMR 19 (which contain the Waste Bans).

The first round of revisions/rescissions will be made final in March, 2016. Further review is anticipated after that.

DEP held three "listening sessions" last week, and will take written comments [here](#), or in writing at:

EO562 Input, c/o Deneen Simpson, MassDEP, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108.

Zero Waste Solutions facility opening pegged at April

New Bedford Waste Solutions contracted with a few of our towns for disposal, anticipating that it would go to their new Rochester facility for recycling and conversion to fuel briquettes this year. However, the facility, **Zero Waste Solutions**, has yet to open, and its principals have set April of next year as its target date to open. In the meantime, contracted waste is being delivered to Middleboro’s landfill, operated by Waste Management, and other disposal facilities.

The 100,000 SF building is up, but newly available equipment choices reportedly are being incorporated into the original design. The facility is expected to sort the trash and recycling both manually and mechanically. Most of the nonrecyclable solid waste would be compacted into “Eco-Tac” briquettes to be used as an alternative fuel source to coal.

Hanson is the only SSRC member currently under contract with NBWS, with **Duxbury’s** starting in January.

Mass DEP Textile Recovery Stakeholders Meeting

On Thursday October 1st, the Mass DEP hosted a textile recovery summit to focus on the new statewide **Textile Recovery Outreach Campaign**.

The goal of the summit was to learn about partnering with schools and municipalities to capture more material. **Betsy Harris**, Community Relation Liaison at **Weymouth Public Schools**, shared the benefits that the Weymouth School Box Program has provided to the Weymouth School Community.



The Mass DEP has brought textile recycling to the forefront of the recycling industry, setting goals and measuring the progress of capturing the 85% of textiles that compose 5% of our disposed waste.

Our **Abington, Hanover, Kingston, Middleboro, Norwell, Plymouth, and Weymouth** schools collected 20 tons of textiles in September alone through the Bay State Textile School Box program, earning them \$2000 in rebates. Most of our municipal recycling and transfer stations also host boxes and share the profits.

MassRecycle and MBTA Launch recycling program at Alewife

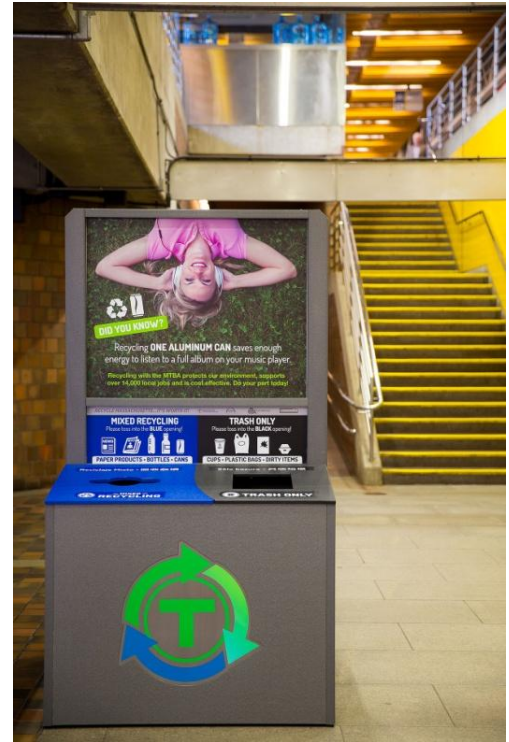
“From Oct. through Dec., we will be piloting in Alewife, one of the major terminus points of the hard rail. It has high foot traffic, over 11,000 riders per day, so that has a high impression rate for the educational messaging. All the Red-line waste is collected at that point, so it made sense from a logistics standpoint.

Our partners at the MBTA wanted to test small, and come 2016, with a proven and cost neutral (more likely revenue positive) model at Alewife under our belts, it will be a lot easier to expand to the rest of the hard rail ...

The MBTA is pretty high on the project ... phase 2 is probably the other major terminus points and the major downtown transition stations. Phase 3 is the rest of the hard rail. Then, of course, beyond would be the commuter lines, etc.”

Edward Hsieh, **Executive Director, MassRecycle**, massrecycle.org

See [video](#) for the MBTA pilot program launch Sept. 23.



USDA and EPA set national food waste reduction goals

By [Kristin Musulin](#) , Waste Dive September 16, 2015 (excerpts)

Representatives from the USDA and EPA announced the first-ever national food waste reduction goal, calling for a 50% reduction by 2030.

"Let's feed people, not landfills. By reducing wasted food in landfills, we cut harmful methane emissions that fuel climate change, conserve our natural resources, and protect our planet for future generations" said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy in a press release.

The USDA and EPA have been preparing since 2013 when the [U.S. Food Waste Challenge](#) was launched. The Challenge created a platform for organizations to share practices on reducing and recycling food waste. The program had over 4,000 participants by the end of 2014.

In the United States, approximately 31% — 133 billion pounds — of overall food supply is wasted. The waste is also affecting the environment, as it is the third largest contributor of methane emissions in the United States.

Many cities and states have proposed solutions at a local level, ranging from [food waste bans](#) at the landfill to [mandatory composting programs](#).

[Full article](#)

[NPR story](#): It's Time To Get Serious About Reducing Food Waste, Feds Say (3 minutes)