



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

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SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes

Thurs., Dec. 6, 2018, Abington Town Hall

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Attendance: **Cohasset:** Merle Brown*, Mary Snow*; **Duxbury:** Peter Buttkus*; **Hanson:** Arlene Dias *; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester*, Brenda Black; **Kingston:** Paul Basler*, Jean Landis Naumann, Arthur Boyle; **Norwell:** Vicky Spillane*; **Weymouth:** Fred Happel*; **Whitman:** Justin Evans

MassDEP: Todd Koep; **JM Equipment:** John Mello; **AAA Recycling:** Rick Frade; ; **SSRC:** Claire Galkowski

(*Appointed Board Representatives) JM Equipment provided breakfast.

Chairman Brown called to order at 9:06

John Mello, president of **JM Equipment** and **Rick Frade** of **AAA Recycling** discussed their glass processing service in East Freetown. JME recycles asphalt, brick and concrete (ABC), handles street sweepings, catch basin cleanings. MassDEP permitted JME to handle glass, awarded them an equipment grant. JME has invested \$1.5M in glass crushing operation. They are now trying to source glass, as well as organics.

JME crushes glass to 3/8" minus processed glass aggregate (PGA) for Fairhaven, Wareham, Acushnet, and Barnstable. The sand-like material is mixed with ABC aggregate, and sold for use in road base, fill, tennis courts. Up to 30% PGA can be added to gravel for parking lots, sidewalks. Customers like the glass mix. Also testing it for use as drainage material, and fines in concrete.

JME is charging \$60/ton to accept municipal glass. The price can be adjusted based on quality, and/or if a town backhauls any of their products. CPR can haul. AAA can provide roll offs. JME crushes for Fairhaven 2x/year. Using PGA in roadwork cut Fairhaven's cost tremendously. Cost is about \$9/ton, plus discount on glass processing.

Source separated glass is good quality; caps and labels are no big deal. Tempered glass and porcelain is ok. The single stream material contains more contaminants.

Also expanding the compost operation on his farm. Can accept leaves, stumps, some food waste, Needs at least 4 part browns (leaves) to 1 part greens (food), prefer 6 to 1. Needs leaves.

Catch basin/street sweepings can be incorporated in fill if it passes test. Contaminated sweepings are used for landfill cover, but most material is ok. Trucking is the biggest cost.

Approve **Oct. minutes:** Mr. Basler moved to accept as written, Mr. Buttkus seconded, AIF

Small Scale Targeted Outreach grant (SSTG) plan 2: Approved \$1100 for WATD radio ads last meeting. \$900 for Facebook or website? Bay State Textile will fund textile banners.

Website needs to be moved from Joomla to Wordpress. MassDEP approved use outreach funds from the RECO Grant. Propose supplementing with SSTG.

Mr. Sylvester moved to appropriate up to \$6000 from combined RECO and SST grants for website redesign. Mr. Basler second. AIF.

RDP grant planning (Todd Koep) MassDEP CY18 Solid Waste and Recycling Surveys will come out in January through ReTrac, Due mid-February, requirement to apply for grants.

CHARM (Center for Hard to Recycle Material) requirement changed. Last year needed to collect and recycle 6 items. This year need 8. Auto waste now allows oil OR antifreeze (instead of AND).

Books, bulky plastic, carpet, household batteries, propane tanks/fire extinguishers, mattresses (counts as 3), Styrofoam, mercury, paint, film, wood, shredded paper. 2 points if all collected in one location at least monthly. 1 point if collected 6x/year, locations may vary.

Mattress grant: Hingham and Hanson were awarded. Service providers are UTEC in Lowell, Ace in RI. Hingham recently switched to Ace.

RECO report, authorization to hire RECO2 Mr. basler moved to authorize Director to hire a new Recycling Education and Compliance Officer, to assist or replace Ms. Sullivan. Mr. Sylvester seconded, AIF. Ms. Dias, Mr. Basler, Mr. Sylvester, Mr. Boyle will help

Position on plastic bag bans without fees: Many towns are passing bans on plastic bags with no fees on paper bags. The main concern of proponents is litter and ocean pollution. This will impact trash and recycling programs by increasing paper volume, which now costs most towns to recycle. It also may result in retailers eliminating in-store plastic bag recycling. There are greater upstream environmental hazards to paper production compared with its functional plastic equivalent as well.

Director recommends advocating for education encouraging use of reusable bags rather than fee-less plastic bag bans, and/or requiring 100% recycled content paper bags to increase paper demand (standard is 40%).

DEP have role in reducing packaging waste? No, Mass. Product Stewardship Council is doing some.

Director will send studies to Board. Discuss at next meeting

20th Anniversary observance: Paper shredding costs \$600 for Bay State Shredding, much more for others. Need sponsor. Options were discussed.

Contamination surcharges: Whitman has been approached on surcharge. Raised fee to \$285/year, big backlash. Weymouth was surcharged, did 2 mailings, media/social media campaign, backlash.

SEMASS considering raising tip fees 20% to make recycling more competitive.

Executive Director's Report

Review [SSRC Updates](#).

Fall HHW summary distributed.

Meeting speaker/sponsor, topic requests?

New business: BigHeartedBooks out of business, many bins are still there, full. Planet Aid wants to put bin in Kingston, Hanson. Big Hearted Books is reinventing self as Hand Me Downs. Discover Books was supposed to take over BHB bins. MTW just installed book bin at Kingston TS. Recycle That no longer takes books.

Next meetings reschedule 1/10 to 1/17, Kingston TH. 2/21 Rockland Senior Center.

Adjourn 11:00