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SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes

Thurs., Feb. 21, 2019, Abington Town Hall

Attendance: **Abington:** Marty Golightly*; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown*, Mary Snow*; **Hanson:** Arlene Dias *, Wesley Blauss, Marianne DiMascio; **Hingham:** Brenda Black; **Kingston:** Jean Landis Naumann*; **Plymouth:** Dr. Nate Horwitz Willis*, Birgitta Kuehn, Kenneth Snow; **Rockland:** Delshaune Flipp, Scott Margolis*; **Weymouth:** Fred Happel*; **Whitman:** Alexis Andrews*

Bay State Textiles: Shannon Trask; **MassDEP:** Ellie Donovan, Todd Koep; **SSRC:** Claire Galkowski, Dorie Stolley

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Chairman Brown called to order at 9:10, introductions

Shannon Trask, new Recycling Development Coordinator for **Bay State Textiles** (covered cost of breakfast) - Works with municipalities, schools. Pay bin hosts \$100/ton for collected material. Located in Pembroke, upsizing to Kingston soon. Switching from Google sheets to a new reporting program with monthly totals. Emails to predecessor Kathryn Larsen are forwarded to her.

Can do one-day to one-week events with trailers. Drivers have iPads, time stamps to ensure pickups. Long relationship with many of our towns, provide good service, pay on time. Responsible for boxes, trailers if issue, fix quickly. 617-877-2432, Shannon.baystatetextiles@gmail.com

Comments: Abington, Whitman have curbside textile recycling, Simple Recycling, no complaints. SR also takes small appliances, pots and pans, pays \$20/ton. Decreases disposal tonnage.

Mr. Koep: Textile RDP point includes publicity, textile collection at schools, RC, curbside.

Approve **Jan. minutes:** Ms. Landis Naumann moved to accept as written, Mr. Brown seconded, AIF
2018 Annual Report ([link](#)) Goes into Town Reports, important. Ms. Landis Naumann moved to accept as written, Ms. Snow seconded, AIF

Plymouth's Sterilis sharps management system -Dr. Nate Horwitz-Willis, Health Director less than 2 years. Addressing opioid epidemic, had no safe place for sharps disposal. Needles found in streets, retail stores, lodging facilities. HIV, HepB, HepC infection rates higher with improperly disposed needles. State Law requires municipalities to provide sharps disposal, none was available in Plymouth.

Options were costly. Visited Sandwich Fire Dept (FD), which was testing a Sterilis machine.

Machine is installed at main FD in Plymouth. FD gives residents proper sharps containers. Residents deposit full sharps containers in secure receptacle both inside and outside FD. Many are diabetic, cat owners. FD also uses Sterilis machine for med waste they find in line of duty.

Machine is quiet, low energy. Dashboard can be set for various types of medical waste. Place sharps containers in an autoclave bag, place in autoclave tub in unit, press button, walk away. Sterilized in autoclave, then drops through to a grinder. Pull out benign bag of regular waste. 6-

9 lbs/run. Mixed plastics, metal shards. Can go to landfill, WTE, but not recycling. Machine communicates with Sterilis in real time. Good product support, advanced analytics.

In the first 3 months, processed 161,000 needles, 200-250 people/month.

Cost was \$55K for machine, plus wi-fi and other retrofits, total about \$200K, plus FD staff time. Reduces risk of beach staff, DPW needle sticks. Avoided cost of exposure.

Comments: Pharmacies, manufacturers are profiting from sale, should provide relief, take responsibility. At least provide sharps containers with sale. Municipalities are burdened with cost. Statewide bills? None filed this session that we are aware of. Has been discussed, Big Pharma very resistant. Local stores say “cumbersome”, costly.

Grant money: Maia harm reduction grant \$10K.

Drug dropoff: Abington does at PD, people are hesitant to go there. Plymouth is discussing. Can be mixed in trash to SEMASS. Illegal dumping, flushing are problems.

Recycling IQ Kit (Todd Koep) IQ Kit grants are rolling, to clean up Single Stream Recycling. Target one or 2 materials. Mattapoisett starting late June. Succeeded in Abington last year. 60 hours of Todd’s time, extra staff to flip lids. 8 week program. Up to \$20K for curbside, \$8K for dropoff, includes staff, signage, outreach. Easy ReTrac application. Do it soon to start by summer.

RECO report (Dorie Stolley) Working at Scituate TS, educating residents, recording license plates of offenders. Outreach blitz- email from town website, WATD, FB, Twitter, flyers, Mariner. CATV bulletin board, electronic msg boards. People are reached through different channels.

Next will be lid flipping f/u in Norwell, Middleboro, Rockland, Whitman. Can do oops tagging, non-collection at towns’ discretion. Also will do follow ups at Hanson, Kingston TS.

Recommends taking out word “Commingled” from all signs and literature, is confusing. People think mixed materials, trash. Use words and pictures of what is actually accepted. Send info in bill inserts 1 or 2x/year.

Train TS staff on the clock. SSRC host? Share best practices with peers. Most are dedicated to work, want to do right, changes hard to keep up with.

Position on plastic bag bans without fees – Director Galkowski summarized previous meeting’s discussion. Discussed strategy to pass state legislation. Five SS towns have passed, 3 are planning.

Spell out options for next meeting, bring specific motion(s).

Executive Director’s Report -Review [SSRC Updates](#)

20th Anniversary Show recap- Jan. 30 at SSNSC, packed house, many good questions. One hour talk “From Single Use to Zero Waste: What’s new with recycling?”. Presented with recognitions from MassDEP and House of Representatives, thanks to Mr. Koep and Ms. Landis-Naumann. Presentation and video on website under “Board Info/presentations.

Helped several towns with Data surveys, RDP reports. PSAs will be running soon on WATD,

New business - Recyclesmartma.org – become a partner. Circulate bag ban debate document.

Next meetings 3/28, Kingston Town Hall; May 2 Rockland Town Hall.

10:40 adjourn