



SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes

Thurs., May 17, 2018, Hanover Town Hall

Accepted June 21, 2018

Attendance: **Abington:** Lorraine Mavrogeorge*; **Cohasset:** Mary Snow*; **Hanson:** Arlene Dias*, Matt Tanis*; **Hingham:** Brenda Black; **Hull:** Joyce Sullivan*; **Kingston:** Paul Basler*, Gene Wyatt*; **Rockland:** Janice McCarthy*; **Scituate:** Kevin Cafferty*, Sean McCarthy*; **Weymouth:** Fred Happel*

Braintree: Rosemary Nolan; **MassDEP:** Ellie Donovan, Todd Koep; **SSRC:** Director Claire Galkowski, RECO Julie Sullivan; **Waste Zero:** Courtney Forrester

(*Appointed Board Representatives) Waste Zero provided breakfast.

Vice Chairman Basler called to order at 9:09.

Courtney Forrester, **Waste Zero's** Programs and Municipal Partnerships Manager, curbside textile collection. WZ incorporated 1991, mission to reduce waste by half. WZ produces PAYT and overflow bags for towns that charge for disposal by volume. They also produce bags for **Simple Recycling's** curbside textile collection, which is expanding to Mass. Brookline, Ashland, Framingham, Burlington, Medford, Merrimack, several others have partnered with SR for this service.

Textiles comprise 5% of our disposed tonnage; only 15% are recycled. All textiles are recyclable if dry, not smelly. If not reusable as is, they are shredded into padding, or cut into industrial wipes.

SR works with towns that sign an exclusive agreement for curbside textile / small housewares collection. Town gets \$20/ton plus avoided disposal cost. No additional costs or fees. SR mails postcards with pink drawstring bags with info printed on the bags to homes on route. (No PAYT bags are pink). SR trucks follow recycling route every collection day, leaves new bags plus one after each pickup. Communities can keep extras at town hall. SR has a warehouse in Woburn, seeking one in Taunton. Average 10 lbs/hh/year nationwide, higher in Mass.

Collected materials go to same destinations as from collection bins. SR takes good and bad together. Sort: resale 10-20%, export, wiping cloths, shred. All repurposed.

Q: exclusive- no collection bins? A: No, just no other municipal curbside collection. Doesn't prohibit private collections, i.e. Big Brother and big Sister Foundation, Epilepsy Foundation.

Q: only for curbside? Yes, no curbside routes in dropoff towns. Focusing on muni collections now.

Approve **April minutes** : Ms. Mavrogeorge moved to accept the minutes as written, Mr. Cafferty seconded, AIF

EBoard nominating committee Janice McCarthy, Mary Snow and Kevin Cafferty volunteered to develop a slate of eBoard candidates for the June meeting.

Recycling markets, outlets, costs (discussion)

Send 5 gallon glass samples to George Valiotis, Pace Glass, [1 Blue Hill Plaza, Building One, 3rd Floor Pearl River, NY 10965](#) for quote.

Towns shared where they were currently sending recyclables, pricing. Single stream pricing ranged \$67-80/ton. Abington, Weymouth curbside contracts up in June, unsure of new terms.

Kingston sending to Republic. Will pull glass out of commingle in July.

Hanson: ABC is charging \$70+, more than quote. Not paying difference. Having service issues.

CPR is still brokering for Hingham, Scituate. Glass going to Carney in Raynham.

Specify PGA in gravel? Mr. Cafferty: Would drive up cost. Scituate doesn't use much gravel, reuses grindings. Kingston co has sand and gravel biz, TW Edwards makes asphalt, concrete. Put in asphalt? No. Expand BUD for PGA in sea walls?

Rosemary Nolan proposal: When SSR started around 2008, quantity went up, quality down. Facilities are closing with little notice. WM now charging Braintree \$80/ton with low 7% contamination, up from \$40 a few months ago. Need to prepare town leaders for cost hikes, changing landscape. She is gathering info from area cities and towns, will research costs, send weekly email, Explore alternatives. She will create short report with data, She and Jeff would present at Mayors' conference in September hosted by Braintree Mayor Sullivan. Meet after next meeting? 1-2 hours.

Packaging stewardship legislation [letter of support H447](#) : Bill is in HW&M, would share cost of recycling, encourage more recycled/recyclable packaging. Director presented letter of support to South Shore legislators. Ms. Dias moved to send letter, Ms. McCarthy seconded, AIF,

Recycling Dividend Program planning (Todd Koep) Applications due June 13, 2017 was banner year, want to make sure everyone qualifies. More points needed to qualify, a little more difficult. Buy Recycled memo must be sent out. He and Claire are available to help.

Can out of towners buy compost bins? Up to town, may charge more for out of towners.

Equipment grant for glass containers? Case by case.

RECO report (Julie Sullivan) She spent past month in Kingston educating residents at Transfer Station. Biggest issue was residents skipping recycling area. 68% stopped before her stint, 79% after. Many asked her questions, not many meanies, kept spreadsheet of violators. DoNot Bag signs at commingle area helped.

Helped Joyce in Hull with outreach. Now preparing for Norwell and Rockland Oops tagging.

Will do NRRA presentation on Monday.

Executive Director's Report : Review [SSRC Updates](#)

HHW billing proposal: Stericycle requested streamlined visitor billing suggested elimination of visitor program. SSRC proposed we administer, collect from visitors. Towns may need contract with SSRC for towns to pay. Waiting to hear back from Stericycle.

Big Hearted Books in bankruptcy. Alternatives: More Than Words (social service, no rebate), Recycle That (rebate, good review from Cohasset).

Surplus property opportunities : federal and state, through OSD. State vehicles: bid low.

New business : Abington has new health agent, Marty Golightly. Will be at Abington meeting 6/22.

Kingston has new Town Manager, Tom Calter. Interviewing health agents.

Next meetings: June 21, Abington Town Hall; Aug 2, Kingston

10:46 Ms. Dias moved to adjourn, Mr. Cafferty seconded, AIF