



SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes
Thurs., Sept. 13, 2018, Rockland Senior Center
Accepted Oct. 25, 2018

Breakfast sponsored by Good Point Recycling

Attendance: **Abington:** Mary DeRusha; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown*, Mary Snow*; **Hanson:** Arlene Dias *; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester*, Brenda Black; **Hull:** Joyce Sullivan*; **Norwell:** Vicky Spillane*; **Rockland:** Janice McCarthy*; **Weymouth:** Fred Happel*; **Whitman:** Alexis Andrews*

Braintree: Rosemary Nolan; **Good Point Recycling:** Robin Ingenthron; **Marshfield:** Deb Sullivan; **MassDEP:** Ellie Donovan, Todd Koep; **Miller Recycling:** Bob Boucher; **SSRC:** Director Claire Galkowski, RECO Julie Sullivan;

(*Appointed Board Representatives) Miller Recycling provided breakfast.

Chairman Brown called to order at 9:09, introductions.

Robin Ingenthron, the owner of **Good Point Recycling** (e-waste), has been in the waste recovery business since the 1980s, earned an MBA at night. He became a MassDEP Division Director in 1992. In 2003, he started [Good Point Recycling](#) (GPR), an electronic waste collection company. GPR operates in Vermont, Mexico and now in Brockton.

GPR is R2 Certified, employs 40 staff, and has survived 3 market shakeouts. They have the Vermont State Contract, and have never dumped a client or a load.

GPR puts e-waste to its highest use. Diverse workforce, including ADA workers, fix old equipment, or deconstruct for parts. GPR sold \$51K in flat screen parts last month. Reuse helps to keep rates stable.

Last year, GPR took over the former CRTRecycling site in Brockton, which now has 2 balers, a hard drive shredder, 2 new trucks and 4 workers, soon to be 10. Shifting VT facility to reuse and disassembly, Brockton will focus on scrap processing. Is servicing Brookline and Quincy. He will be charging 23c/lb to new customers after December.

Pricing for one day events: 21c/lb plus \$75/person for staffing. Can be a fundraiser.

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Approve **June minutes:** Ms. Dias moved to accept as written, Ms. McCarthy seconded, AIF

FY19 Budget: EBoard presented budget, includes Small Scale Targeted grant in income and expense, 3% salary increase for Director. Treasurer Dias recommended a switch to QuickBooks from the current Excel workbook. Director will need professional guidance to set up. Table discussion on outreach details to next month. Ms. McCarthy moved to approve budget as presented, Ms. Dias seconded, AIF

Recycling markets, costs: Rosemary Nolan researched impacts of recycling crisis, is hurting municipal budgets. Average cost for single stream recycling is \$70-90/ton. Taunton is paying \$150. Surcharges for contamination over 10% is at \$225/ton in new contracts. Some municipalities are ending curbside, going to drop off.

Mayor Sullivan of Braintree is hosting an MMA Mayors meeting on 9/26; recycling is on the agenda. She and Jeff Kunz are recommending that a 3 month study by MIT or NEU be conducted to explore alternatives. Need substitute markets, more investment in retooling at Material Recovery Facilities. Transfer stations are in a better position, more control without single stream.

Mr. Ingenthron posited that China doesn't have enough raw material, will come back.

Disaster debris planning (Todd Koep): Towns need a documented plan to get FEMA 75% funding. DEP's John Fischer wrote original disaster debris plan for MEMA. Identify roles, responsibilities, contracts, resources, aggregation sites. Twelve page [outline, checklist](#) is on MEMA website. DEP has [7 page checklist](#). Westborough plan with contractor info is [here](#).

2 stage response: first 72 hours clear roads, second stage bring sorted debris to identified sites. Avoid burning or burying. Forecasting tool has debris estimates; input variables to determine types and quantities of debris..

Identify aggregation sites (ideally publicly owned) with truck access, notify DEP of storage areas. Can store up 90 days without permit. Document best management practices, closure plan. Slide show presentation [is here](#). Tabletop exercises available, to help plan who does what.

Ellie Donovan: [RecycleSmart](#) statewide education campaign started, will be reaching out to Towns for partners program. [Recyclopeda](#).- all MRFs collaborated on what is actually recyclable. Long term commitment. Ms. Black commented that not all info is consistent with drop off programs.

RECO report (Julie Sullivan) Norwell curbside one route 28% to 12%. The Mariner published an article. Finished Rockland tagging, 3 strikes your out, did make a big difference: 26% to 13%, 32% to 16%. Letters to tagged residents from BOH had huge impact. Facebook complaints helped a lot, with letters from BOH posted.

Plymouth hauler enforcement is struggling a bit, no actions yet. Working with DPW/BOH on collaboration to identify and enforce rules on noncompliant haulers.

Tagging in Whitman- WM won't pick up contaminated material, 1st strike your out. Noncompliant setouts started at 19-35%, seeing decrease after first week, long way to go.

20th Anniversary observance (discussion): FY19 marks the 20th anniversary of the SSRC. How can we observe/celebrate? Help is needed from all to put something together. Director can budget 40 hours. Costs need to be covered externally. (The last big event took 110 hours). Redesigning logo. Latex paint/e-waste collection? Open house? Discuss further at next meeting.

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

NAHMMA Conference - I presented on SSRC HHW Traveling Show. Takeaways: Reasons to collect: prevent poisoning, fire hazards, Solid waste worker safety, illegal dumping. Send OCC home with residents. *Permanent facilities are a massive, costly endeavor.* In Ontario, funding for 6 permanent recy/HHW facilities through EPR. OR, VT HHW EPR bills stalled. ME: \$255K perm facility, open monthly nonwinter. 51 satellite collections. \$30/5 gal. VT, ON: 7-8% participation. (SSRC is about 2%)

Webmaster quotes: seeking a new web administrator, received 7 quotes.

Next meetings Oct. 25, Kingston Town Hall; Dec. 6, Abington Town Hall

Adjourn 10:39