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## **SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes**

**Thurs., March 28, 2018, Kington Town Hall**

**Accepted May 9, 2019**

Attendance: **Abington:** Marty Golightly\*; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown\*, **Hanson:** Arlene Dias \*; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester\*, Brenda Black; **Kingston:** Paul Basler\*, Jean Landis Naumann\*, Gene Wyatt\*; **Norwell:** Vicky Spillane\*; **Rockland:** Delshaune Flipp\*; **Weymouth:** Fred Happel\*

**Green Mattres:** Adam Doorly; **MassDEP:** Ellie Donovan, Todd Koep; **Plymouth:** Lee Burns, Kenneth Snow; **SSRC:** Claire Galkowski, Dorie Stolley

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

Chairman Brown called to order at 9:08, introductions

Adam Doorly introduced the **Green Mattress Co.**, a mattress recycling operation in Milford. It has a sister company in California, and is looking to grow. GM charges up to \$18 per mattress or box spring, including pickup. Size (from crib to king), type of mattress doesn't affect cost. Minimum charge is \$12, if delivered to the Milford site. GM can do milk runs, which would reduce per-unit cost, and can provide an 8x8x20 box, which can fit about 40 units, at a collection location if needed.

At the facility, GM breaks down box springs with a Bear Claw machine, which takes 30 seconds rather than 20 minutes. About 85% of materials are baled and recycled, with a 2 day turnaround. Foam is sent to Leggitt Platt, metal to Spiegel Scrap, working with wood chippers for mulch. Toppers go with foam. Working on a felt outlet, have a couple of possibilities. Hingham uses them, spot on, is very happy. GM is servicing the Mattress Recycling Council stewardship program in RI.

Q: Bedbugs? A: No problems now, cold. In summertime they are not a big problem, easy to spot. They segregate, call a company with a "hot box", 135 degrees 40 minutes kills them.

Q: Is GM on State Contract? Not yet. If State Bid opens, have to be open for a year. DEP has visited. Pricing is competitive with State Contract vendors.

The Director visited the facility the previous week, was impressed. Pictures are posted on the website. GM can get a town signed up with a contract and serviced within a week. Call GM at 781-720-9855.

**February minutes:** Ms. Landis-Naumann moved to accept as written, Mr. Golightly seconded, AIF

**HHW planning** for 2020: State contract for HHW events expires in December. State won't award until fall, late to schedule for spring. Should we go out to bid? RFQ? RFP? Board recommended doing RFQ, nonbinding. Ask IG if that is acceptable. Confirm whether exempt from 30B. Do with other towns/regional groups, share costs. MACs are also concerned.

**Grant planning** (Todd Koep) Grant guidance will be out very soon.

New item- instead of WREC grant, new one EEC. Approval is imminent. Recycling Dividend Program has more possible points, curbside and dropoff requirements have been consolidated.

On April 24 DEP will host an IQ Kit grant meeting. Todd would provide much assistance. Good money, materials, and qualifies for outreach point.

SSRC radio ads, other benefits also help towns earn RDP points.

Reminder: Buy Recycled Memos need to go out from Town Managers/CEOs for eligibility.

**RECO report** (Dorie Stolley). Since last meeting, finished at Scituate TS, started Curbside follow up evaluations, private hauler compliance help. In Scituate, she worked 3 days/week for 4 weeks, noting scofflaws' license plates.

In Plymouth she is working with DPW, BOH on administering hauler regs. Assigning tasks, defining workflow. If funding needed for additional help, munis may use RDP funds, or apply for EEC grant.

Lessons learned: Power of positive reinforcement – People are mostly trying, acknowledge and reward efforts. Many asked questions about recycling rules. Some curbside people hide trash in recycling carts. Many violations are based on outdated rules- EPS, twine on newspaper. Wishcycling- toys, kitchen containers, weed whacker, lawn ornaments.

Norwell has a decal on carts with No Plastic graphic. Middleboro's uses words. Better compliance observed in Norwell. There are many kinds of plastic bags, is confusing.

Position on **disposable bag bans**: Board and guests discussed pros and cons of making a statement about the potential impact, unintended onsequences of local plastic bag bans on our solid waste programs and the environment. Document estimates cost to solid waste programs from increase in free paper bags, and recommends higher recycled paper content requirements. Concerns about appearing to oppose bans. Document advises best practices, including a ban or fee on paper bags, balances concerns about plastic with the less discussed consequences of paper.

Document intended to inform testimony at State House hearing, give Board members a tool for discussion, press. Typo flagged.

Mr. Golightly moved to approve position with second proposed title, Mr. Basler seconded, AIF. Final document is here [http://ssrcoop.info/images/documents/Plastic\\_bag\\_ban\\_motion\\_final\\_3-28-19.pdf](http://ssrcoop.info/images/documents/Plastic_bag_ban_motion_final_3-28-19.pdf)

**Executive Director's Report:** Review SSRC Updates.

Received 3 website upgrade quotes. Will engage Green Castle Video, as advised by EBoard.

HHW flyers available for distribution, please take for your town.

**New business** Mr. Koep toured Camara's Zero Waste Solutions facility- will accept trash, single stream and source separated recycling, C&D. Estimate 60-80% diversion from trash, lower cost than SEMASS. Is 75% complete, large- 5 stories high-, impressive. Designed to process 30-80 TPH, 2 shifts. Grand opening on May 18, 10-2. Will be a huge player. MRC meeting in June, at Carver FD, will include a tour of Zero Waste Solutions. Has 18 munis signed up, haulers.

Mr. Basler: Hand Me Downs came to DPW. (former owners of Big Hearted Books). What can they do about abandoned BHB bins? Send a certified letter saying take them or they will be scrapped. Excel is paying \$160 /ton delivered.

**Next meetings** May 2 move to 9<sup>th</sup> (for grant session), Rockland Town Hall; June 13 Abington Town Hall.

Adjourn at 10:33.