



**SOUTH SHORE
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SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes

Thurs., May 9, 2019, Rockland Town Hall

Attendance: **Abington:** Angela Dahlstrom*, Marty Golightly*; **Duxbury:** Peter Buttkus*, Gary Glazier, **Hanson:** Arlene Dias *; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester*, Brenda Black; **Kingston:** Paul Basler*, Jean Landis Naumann*, David O'Connell, Gene Wyatt*; **Weymouth:** Fred Happel*

Black Earth Compost: Andrew Brousseau, Tom LeClair; **GreenCastle Video:** Dan Miot; **MassDEP:** Ellie Donovan, Todd Koep; **Pembroke:** Angela Sestito, another person; **SCS:** Will Conrad; **SSRC:** Claire Galkowski, Dorie Stolley

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Vice Chairman Basler called to order at 9:05, thanked Black Earth Compost for breakfast.

Tom LeClair and Andrew Brousseau introduced **Black Earth Compost**. Based in Manchester, MA, BEC is looking to expand food waste collection to our region.

Food waste accounts for 15-20% of disposed tonnage. BEC serves 7000 residents in 40 municipalities, including Manchester, Sharon, and Arlington, and 40 public schools. They also service grocery stores and restaurants, including the Fruit Center in Hingham.

BEC accepts all types of food waste, as well as certified compostables (i.e. bags, service ware). In addition to their own facility, BEC provides material to local farms. They sell finished compost at 60 garden centers and in bulk to landscapers.

Residential collection requires a special truck. BEC uses green racoon- proof locking bins, available as part of their service cost, on state contract FAC87 or through a MassDEP SMRP grant. This reduces rodent problems by removing food from the regular trash.

Service usually starts with a pilot (50 to 300 HH), or private subscription direct to residents. Manchester and Ipswich offer town-wide service. Residents on private subscription get a free bag of compost. If town wide, free compost is delivered to a central site in spring, or reduced cost.

BEC also picks up at transfer stations and schools, swapping out lined 32 and 64 gallon carts. Pricing depends on # carts. \$12-17 per cart per pickup. 5 carts is ideal cost-wise.

Food waste collection helps towns qualify for RDP points, carts. BEC also does curbside textile collection for food waste customers.

Process: BEC collects weekly, removes contaminants, blends with carbon source (ie. Leaves), turns windrows for 6-8 months, screens, bags, and sells. Good quality, they have control of feedstock.

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Approve **March minutes:** Ms. Landis-Nauman moved to accept as written, Mr. Buttkus seconded, AIF

HHW contracting – State Contract is only in force through December. Vendors won't schedule until new contract is awarded in fall. We should schedule spring sooner, go out to bid ourselves.

Mr. Buttkus, Mr. Golightly and Mr. Glazier volunteered to be on the committee. Director will reach out to Charles River consortium, Halifax, Plympton, New Bedford.

Grant planning, recommendations (Todd Koep) Application deadline for DEP RDP, SMRP grants is June 12. Have Town CEO send Buy Recycled Memo to all department heads soon.

New Education and Enforcement Coordinator (EEC) grant requires and assists with enforcing residential private hauler regulations. Only 4 will be awarded, \$30K or \$60K with minimum 25% match required. RDP funds may be used for match. Multi-town applications are encouraged.

Recycling Dividend Program grant: discussed outreach, textile, compost points. Director distributed a form with estimated benefits, qualifying points by town.

RECO report (Dorie Stolley) Grant to improve recycling compliance ends June 5. Has finished follow up evaluations to see if Julie's interventions persisted in Norwell, Middleborough and Whitman. Rockland is pending. Doing Hauler enforcement in Plymouth.

Preliminary results: no sustained improvement in curbside towns. Much conjecture: New owner/tenants? 4 weeks not long enough for long term results?

Main contaminants she observed were plastic bags, shrink wrap, food, trash, bagged recyclables. She also saw toys, buckets, rakes, a weed whacker, candles, Xmas tree, whole roasted chicken.

Best Management Practices: Sticker with No Plastic Bags rules on top, use graphics. Replace stickers when needed. Place additional sticker at front of cart. Annual reminder. Do not pick up contaminated recycling. Neighbors like to see enforcement. Consider dual stream recycling, EOW.

Scituate Transfer Station results were encouraging. 89% went to recycling. Fewer plastic bags in commingle. New employee very competent, gave tips. Will talk to Middle school kids next week.

Meeting day options Tuesday? Some members have standing meetings on Thursdays. Discussed options, decided to alternate Tuesday and Thursday meetings.

Oil/antifreeze vendors – discussion. Hingham uses Clean Harbors. Most satisfied with vendors.

Executive Director's Report: Review SSRC Updates.

SMRP grant de-funding legislation [letter](#) sent to south shore legislators

Bag ban legislation: [testified](#) at State House hearing. A couple of towns may rescind.

Website progress: Green Castle Video has crafted a new site from the current one, copying, reformatting, make it easier to read, fewer cross links. Recycling A-Z consolidated on one page. Roll out June. Mr. Wyatt and Ms. Donovan volunteered to review and comment.

Battery recycling- Call2Recycle . Send link to managers. Need to watch webinar. Can be challenging to get empty boxes back.

EBoard nominating committee- Election at June meeting. Not very time consuming. Some calls or emails from Director. Ms. Dias is willing to stay. Director will reach out to Chairman Brown. Committee: Mr. Golightly

New Business: Ms. Donovan has received resident complaints about trash and recycling going in same truck. Hanson has too. Dooley has a split truck. Boston will send out letters of noncompliance. If towns send NON, copy MassDEP (John Fischer). Many condos don't recycle.

Have Waste Ban waivers been granted in last 3 months? No.

Next Meeting Tuesday, June 25, Abington

Adjourn 10:40