



**SOUTH SHORE
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SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2019, Hanson Town Hall

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Attendance: **Abington:** Angela Dahlstrom*, Marty Golightly*; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown*; **Hanson:** Arlene Dias*; **Kingston:** Paul Basler*, Jean Landis Naumann*; **Norwell:** Vicky Spillane*;
Pembroke: Ed Thorne, Joe Dalute, Gene Fulmino; **Rockland:** Delshaune Flipp*, **Weymouth:** Fred Happel*; **Whitman:** Alexis Andrews*, Lisa Green

Mass DEP: Ellie Donovan; **SSRC:** Claire Galkowski, Lorraine Mavrogeorge; **MXI Environmental:** Craig Potter

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

9:07 Chairman Brown called to order, introductions

9:05 Craig Potter, **MXI Environmental** (new HHW contractor) from NJ, Awarded HHW contract. Seeking presence in MA. Doing Fairhaven event 10/26, Founded 1960 by his Grandfather in Maumee OH, freight co. Dev into garments on hangers co, sold half in 1980s. Dad worked for TransAmerica (who had bought the company). While he still had the transport company, he was asked to haul hazardous waste. Started shipping in mid 80s. Formed MXI Environmental Services. Brokered waste (separate from transport co). Original intent was ethanol recycling. 2000 built facility in Abingdon VA for ethanol waste, distill, send for fuels blender. Learned HHW was also exempt from waste regulations. Facility permitted for HHW, Started running events in 2001, around Abingdon VA. Accepted waste from other vendors. 2007 expanded around northeast. Helped them survive 2008 crash.

Other facility in Langhorne PA (near NJ). Expanded to PA, NJ, NY, CT. Motivated by PaintCare legislation. Doing paint recycling. Got Philadelphia contract (including 4 counties surrounding).

Working with Recolor Paint. Bought an old warehouse, rehabbed, built latex paint recycling facility. Wanted to develop domestic market, quality. Recolor was seeking paint while MXI had too much incoming paint. Are partnering, achieving synergy. Recolor trained them on quality.

Can also accept oil paint, working on being able to recycle it, nobody else is doing this. (paint, stain, polyurethane).

Has 3-4 project managers. Focus is on doing a really good job and works very hard. He acknowledged setup fee high but needs to cover costs to avoid cutting corners on service. Consolidation is possible. Naugatuck Valley same size as us, only does 4 big collections/year. Happy to work with us.

May use Recolor facility for emergency backup equipment if we get slammed. Generally puts an extra truck at most distant location and asks that we send him historical data for our towns.

Can accommodate small collections too with a box truck.

Merle introduced Lorraine, HHW Specialist/ HHW WREC

Voted: Approve August 19, 2019 minutes AD, MG, AIF

Secretary election (vote) currently elected secretary Jonathan Beder doesn't want to take minutes. Jean Landis Nauman volunteered. Mr. Beder was appointed by Chairman to be At Large.

Ms. Nauman and Vice Chairman Basler both represent Kingston.

Voted: to override Bylaw to enable 2 officers from one town. DF, AD, AIF.

Nominate Ms. Nauman secretary: MG, AD, AIF.

Voted: to elect Jean Landis Naumann as secretary. JLN accepted the nomination.

Claire asked the members to provide feedback on the FY20 plan (available online **FY20 [Plan](#)**

Claire discussed the **Extended Producer Responsibility bills [H745](#)** (paper and packaging). Right now towns are responsible for waste disposal and recycling. There is a movement to have the producers involved in the management of the whole product, as is done in several other states. This bill proposes a fee on packaging. Claire helped draft the bill and will testify before the committee on October 15. They are working with the Products Stewardship Council.

Other important pending bills are [S495](#) (mattress recycling study), and [H796](#) (paint). Claire may testify on these, also.

Claire led a discussion of the biggest solid waste problem for members? How can we help curb it? Propane tanks - Mighty Flame is the only vendor – being used by Pembroke, Norwell, Hanover, Hanson and Abington. Weymouth has a contract with EZ. Claire will look into this.

Cost is the other problem with recyclables as reprocessing plants are very slowly coming online in the US. Claire sees costs moderating in the future as more processing plants are available.

Claire urged the members to apply for grants available in January for a RECO.

Executive Director's Report

NERC Conference. Abington just passed a plastic bag ban Apr. 1. Hanson will vote on this next week at Town Meeting. Hanover is working on a plastic bag ban with the Board of Health writing the regulations. It is very helpful when stores put up reminder signs. (Can DEP subsidize these signs?)

There was discussion of whether RDP funds can be used to purchase and distribute reusable shopping bags. Ms. Donovan will investigate and let us know.

Claire requested assistance with bookkeeping using QuickBooks. Abington representative suggested we seek out an intern from a college, accounting major.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM

Next meeting Thurs, Nov 21 at the Pembroke Library

Respectfully submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary