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**SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 22, 2019, Kingston Town Hall**  
**Accepted 10/3/2019**

Attendance: **Abington:** Angela Dahlstrom\*, Marty Golightly\*; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown\*; **Duxbury:** Gary Glazer\*; **Hanson:** Arlene Dias\*; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester\*; **Kingston:** Paul Basler\*, Jean Landis Naumann\*; **Pembroke:** Ed Thorne; **Rockland:** Delshaune Flipp\*, Paul Harkin; **Whitman:** Lisa Green

**MassDEP:** Todd Koep, Janice Pare-Wichern; **SSRC:** Claire Galkowski; **Waste Zero:** Courtney Forrester

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

9:09 Chairman Brown called to order, introductions

Courtney Forrester of **Waste Zero** is exploring feasibility of an **Enviro Bag** program for unwanted plastics. WZ is partnering with firm in Louisiana that collects hard to recycle small plastics - spoons, bags, wrappers, pouches, EPS, black plastics, etc. The company uses a chemical/pressure process and additives to make strong, durable railroad tie, for which there is a strong markets.

WZ would sell special 8 gallon bags at about 50c each. This covers the transportation (done by WZ) and processing costs. The program is geared to transfer stations/recycling centers, not curbside collection, and would require a roll off provided by the town, which would be swapped out when picked up. WZ is building regional support to achieve sufficient density. If enough material is collected, the company would build an east coast plant. Plymouth has expressed interest. Pilot town, One Day recycling events also possible.

The target is people who don't want to dispose of plastics that are not accepted in the current recycling stream. Residents would pay for the bags, unless town wants to give some away.

Q: Environmental impact of transport plus processing vs disposal? CF will research a life cycle assessment.

Q: State is pushing "don't bag recyclables". Plan to ameliorate confusion? A: is a specialty stream, only at TS. Separate product altogether. Dental floss, toothpaste tubes, ketchup packets.

Q: Long term plan? Seeking MRF partners to accept and pull out bags, but not curbside to start. No separate pickup. Don't want to add vehicle trips.

Q: Is contamination, i.e. Ketchup in packets, a problem? Mass. messaging is to clean materials. A: They can handle residual food.

Q: How would WZ publicize, avoid mixed messaging? Plastic is already confusing. A: Similar to Recycle Smart, "non-bottles and tubs". Less than 2 inches". Need to engage with DEP on messaging.

WZ also partners with Simple Recycling, curbside textile collection, pays \$20/ton to municipality.

Approve **June minutes** (click on [link](#) to view; vote) Chairman Brown pointed out that Director Galkowski does minutes, need a functional Secretary. Mr. Basler moved to accept minutes as written, Mr. Golightly seconded, AIF.

Award **HHW contract** (bid summary [here](#)) Received bids from Clean Harbors, MXI. Director ,HHW committee reviewed bids. Both were about 60% higher than current. CH had a variable “Recovery Fee” not allowed in IFB. Discussed,, determined that CH bid was unresponsive. Need more certainty.

Ms. Flipp moved to award HHW contract to MXI, Mr. Golightly seconded, AIF.

Discussed ways to deal with higher costs: Fewer collections, more multi-town consolidation, resident copayments. If co-payments, should be across the regional. Publicize well, put sign at front of line.

Carver-Marion-Wareham paid \$29K for their last HHW collection to ACV Enviro.

Approve **FY20 Budget** ([here](#)) EBoard reviewed with Director Galkowski. Recommended amending salary to include a 5% increase, \$2900/year. Director noted surplus due to new Pembroke membership and \$7,400 surplus from RECO grant which was applied to Director’s time.

Ms. Landis-Nauman moved to amend budget to reflect 5% pay increase for Director,Mr. Basler seconded, AIF

Mr. Basler moved to approve the rest of the budget as presented, Mr. Sylvester seconded, AIF.

Director Galkowski recommended scheduling a small dues increase each year to keep up with costs. EBoard said no.

Discuss **FY20 Plan** . Director distributed form, reviewed ranking system, asked Board to fill out form for next meeting. An online survey was requested. Director will compose and send.

Discussion: **RECO program, [Final Report](#)**- informing and enforcing recycling contamination rules. The Report recommended the DEP IQ Kit for both curbside and dropoff programs. The next round of applications runs from 1/2/20 through May. Apply, kickoff with all stakeholders, sign grant agreement, implement mid-April through November. 8 week prep time. Rolling review and award.

Mr. Koep noted that the report was well done, good amount of detail, eye opening. Contamination is more widespread than thought. DEP has spent >\$1Million on education, RecycleSmartMa.

### **Executive Director’s Report sign in sheets**

Review SSRC [Updates](#)

NERC Conference in Providence late October–focus is plastics. Director Galkowski will be speaking about plastic bag bans.

Help requests- Director needs assistance setting up QuickBooks

HHW flyer distribution- please sign out flyers.

Meeting availability- consider afternoons? Interrupt flow of day. Alternate days of week?

Keep to Thursday mornings for now.

**New business:** none

**Next meetings:** Thurs. Oct. 3, Hanson Town Hall. Schedule Nov. meeting at Oct. meeting. Pembroke may host.

Adjourn 10:45.