



**SOUTH SHORE
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COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, June 17, 2020, Zoom Meeting

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Attendees:

Town

Abington	Angela Dahlstrom*
Cohasset	Merle Brown*
Duxbury	No attendee
Hanover	No attendee
Hanson	Arlene Dias*
Hingham	No attendee
Hull	No attendee
Kingston	Paul Basler Jean Landis Naumann*
Middleboro	No attendee
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*
Pembroke	No attendee
Plymouth	No attendee
Rockland	No attendee
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty* Sean McCarthy*
Weymouth	No attendee
Whitman	Lisa Green
Mass DEP	Ellie Donovan Janine Bishop
SSRC	Claire Galkowski, Jan Galkowski
Plymouth County	Tom O'Brien
Bay State Textiles	Paul Curry

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Paul Curry of **Bay State Textiles** spoke to the group about the services his company offers in recycling textiles. The company was founded in 2005 and was the first to offer rebates. They ~~are~~ ~~currently~~recently re-located ~~in-to~~ Kingston in a building of 25,000 square feet which has allowed them to continue collections and store ~~sorted~~ textiles during the pandemic. They serve 700 schools in MA and CT with their school box program, providing \$350,000 in rebates to date. In 2014 they opened a warehouse in Waterbury, CT and an operation in Puerto Rico. Their 48 employees will process 23 million pounds of textiles in 2020. They serve 270 municipalities ~~and 1.3 million residents~~. While the textile market is growing, the international markets have been closed during the pandemic. They are warehousing 1.3 million pounds of material, and will be ready to move it as soon as international markets reopen.

~~They receive many~~About 5% of the material they receive are toys. He's been studying reuse markets for 2 years, and would like to do a pilot ~~toy collection~~"Toy Box" trailer on the South Shore. They currently pay \$100 per ton and expect to continue at that rate. There are good markets in Mexico, South America and the Middle East for hard plastic toys, sports equipment, dolls and trucks. They can't sell games or puzzles.

His company has sponsored SSRC radio ads regarding textiles.

Angela Dahlstrom introduced the slate of officers for the next year:

Chairman	Kevin Cafferty (<u>Scituate</u>)
Vice chairman	Paul Basler (<u>Kingston</u>)
Treasurer	Arlene Dias (<u>Hanson</u>)
Secretary	Jean Landis Naumann (<u>Kingston</u>)

A motion in favor of the slate was seconded and followed by a unanimous vote in favor.

Chairman Brown's ~~many~~twenty-two years of service to the SSRC were recognized by several speakers including Plymouth County Treasurer Tom O'Brien and MassDEP's Janine Bishop. A framed certificate will be mailed to Merle. Merle thanked everyone for their kind words and stated he would continue to be involved with the organization. Attendees were treated to a slide show of past events during Merle's service.

The **minutes** of the May 20, 2020 meeting were approved.

Claire presented an updated financial report for Arlene. The SSRC was \$5000 under budget for 2020 in addition to the \$13,000 carried over from FY 2019. Letters requesting payment of yearly dues will go out July 1 with a due date of August 15. Kevin pointed out that with many towns going to a 1/12th budget, only partial payments may be received. Claire will prepare a FY 2021 budget after dues are received. Claire reminded towns that they can use up to \$750 of RDP funds towards these dues.

Claire mentioned that ~~her~~she re-sent the 2019 annual report to all the member towns, explained explaining that the benefits derived through membership exceed the yearly dues.

Claire reported that \$1100 was used to pay for extra expenses incurred for the regional HHW collection on ~~6/13~~on 6/13 on the ground of the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset. The event was well attended and may serve as a model to have fewer events in a broader region.

Kevin led a discussion of the impact of the pandemic on trash and recycling. Transfer stations remain open while some recycling centers are slowly reopening. Paul Basler reported that Kingston has proposed closing the transfer station 2 additional days per week due to budget cuts. This will present many logistical issues including lack of storage and holding cans. Claire reported there is a 20-30% increase in residential trash and a corresponding decrease in business trash. Some towns have stopped taking C&D because they don't want to ~~accept~~ [handle](#) payments.

Claire presented her **executive director report**. The SSRC Updates has been delayed due to the activities surrounding the June 13 HHW collection. She is working on contract pricing and regulatory review. Ten towns have signed onto a letter requesting MA DEP conduct oversight of these activities. She asked that all member towns have her review any new contracts prior to signing.

Claire presented a slide show of the activities at the June 13 HHW event.

Kevin stated he would like to keep future meetings to 1 hour and have all towns participate in the monthly meetings. He proposed that we continue to use Zoom for [alternate](#) meetings. Claire will survey the members for a meeting date in ~~August~~ [late July](#) and an executive board meeting in July.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann