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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, January 27, 2021, Virtual Meeting

Accepted 3/3/2021

Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Attendees:

Town

Abington	Mary Derusha*
Braintree	Rosemary Nolan*
	Jeff Kunz*
Cohasset	Andria Benn*
Duxbury	Norm Smith
Hanover	No attendee
Hanson	Arlene Dias*
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*
Hull	No attendee
Kingston	Jean Landis Naumann*
Middleboro	No attendee
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*
Pembroke	Sabrina Chilcott
	Angela Sestito*
Plymouth	No attendee
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*
	Scott Margolis*
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty*
Weymouth	No attendee
Whitman	No attendee
Mass DEP	Todd Koep
	Ellie Donovan
SSRC	Claire Galkowski
New England Recycling	Joe Tutsch

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Kevin had everyone introduce themselves.

Joe Tutsch of New England Recycling spoke of the services offered by his company. New England Recycling accepts Construction & demolition debris ranging from metals to roofing material, bricks & concrete, pallets, fencing & wood waste, landscaping & yard debris, Creosote timber & pressure treated wood.

NER also offers a specialty drop-off service for single items and household or job site refuse unsuitable for household trash, like tires, appliances, batteries, empty propane tanks, doors, mattresses & more. They provide on-site delivery and removal of dumpsters, mulch and stone, equipment rentals and other services throughout Eastern Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island.

NER offers far more than the typical recycling plant and container rental company. They also supply assorted demolition services, landscaping supplies, stump removal, and equipment rentals. They plan to contact towns they are not currently servicing as they would like to be on each town's bid list.

He pointed out that painted sheetrock cannot be recycled.

The **minutes** of the December 16, 2020 meeting were approved.

Claire and Arlene presented a financial update (see attached).

Claire asked all members to review the Annual Report and notify her of any corrections as she will be sending this to all the member towns.

Rosemary presented a summary of the multi-town recycling RFP being prepared (see attached) to be released Monday. Claire and Todd discussed the review process. Information is in the Newsletter.

Todd reminded the members about the webinar 2/2 on transfer stations and encouraged them to attend.

Todd and Claire offered to assist member towns in completing the recycling surveys due 2/15/21.

Executive Director Report – The January 2021 Newsletter contains many interesting articles.

Claire and Todd and Kathy met with Andrew Crowley from Strategic Materials 1/26/21. This company is exploring the possibility of opening a glass transfer station in Middleboro.

The announcement of the spring HHW collection dates and places will be made after the registration software is updated.

Claire spoke about the Paper and Packaging Producer Responsibility legislation she and several others are working on. Another organization she is working with has secured a House sponsor and she is looking for co-sponsors. Let her know if a local legislator is willing to sign on. If passed, the bill would require producers to reimburse towns and haulers of residential material for all costs associated with processing recyclable material.

New business - Kevin is interested in working with his local Board of Health to introduce regulations requiring all private haulers to recycle.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3/3/2021.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann