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**Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, March 3, 2021, Virtual Meeting  
 Accepted 4/14/21**

Paul Basler called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Attendees:

Town

<b>Abington</b>	Mary Derusha*
<b>Braintree</b>	Rosemary Nolan Jeff Kunz
<b>Cohasset</b>	Andria Benn*
<b>Duxbury</b>	Norm Smith* Peter Buttkus*
<b>Hanover</b>	<b>No attendee</b>
<b>Hanson</b>	Arlene Dias* Gil Amado*
<b>Hingham</b>	Janice McPhillips* Mathew Cahill
<b>Hull</b>	<b>No attendee</b>
<b>Kingston</b>	Paul Basler* Jean Landis Naumann*
<b>Middleboro</b>	<b>No attendee</b>
<b>Norwell</b>	Tori Koch*
<b>Pembroke</b>	Angela Sestito*
<b>Plymouth</b>	<b>No attendee</b>
<b>Rockland</b>	Delshaune Flipp*
<b>Scituate</b>	<b>No attendee</b>
<b>Weymouth</b>	<b>No attendee</b>
<b>Whitman</b>	Dan Kelly
<b>Mass DEP</b>	Todd Koep
<b>SSRC</b>	Claire Galkowski
<b>Bootstrap Compost</b>	Aaron Chism

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

Paul and Claire helped introduce all attendees.

Aaron Chism spoke about the curb-side composting program offered by Bootstrap Composting in the Boston, Worcester and Providence area. They are interested in expanding to the South Shore. They provide 5-gallon buckets with bio-bags that are picked up curbside and swapped for a clean container. Their company is seeing an increased interest in consumers to compost. Their service includes meat and dairy materials. The pricing is based on the number of consumers and they would like to be chosen as municipalities' preferred vendor. They can provide statistics for towns to use in their reporting to the state. They do not currently have a transfer station program. Participants in their program receive shares of 1-2 cubic feet of compost each year. Todd confirmed that RDP funds could be used for a drop-off program. This company partners with Black Earth for larger pickups. They prefer to work with local farmers. Estimated costs seemed high to the MSW managers. Bootstrap will review pricing, and consider transfer station programs.

The minutes of the January 27, 2021 meeting were approved.

Rosemary Nolan presented a summary of the multi-town recycling RFP that was recently completed. No award was made as only one proposal was received which did not meet the set criteria. Rosemary noted that several lessons were learned and they intend to try again next year. There will be a longer submission timeframe and the committee will meet with each vendor during the process. This committee is requesting a formal response from the towns interested in proceeding, as this requires much time and effort.

Todd Koep, DEP, spoke about preparing for submissions for the DEP SMRP/RDP grants due June 9, 2021. Most criteria remain the same as last year. Todd and Claire offered their assistance to member towns as they prepare their submissions. Todd spoke about the new "environmental justice" program for communities having more than 25% minority or non-English speaking populations.

Todd and Claire also reminded member towns to be sure to properly issue their "buy recycle" memo to all departments with the policy attached.

Todd and Claire asked towns to respond if they are in support of a grant for an Education Enforcement Coordinator to work with private haulers in the member towns who have private hauler regulations.

Todd reminded members of his next office hours March 23 for municipalities to discuss their recycling issues.

**Executive Director Report** – The March 2021 Newsletter has been published and contains many interesting articles. Claire spoke about the Paper and Packaging Producer Responsibility legislation she and several others are working on. If passed, the bill would require producers to reimburse towns and haulers of residential material for all costs associated with processing recyclable material.

Paul and Claire asked the attendees to encourage non-attendees to participate in these meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4/14/2021.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann