



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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**Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, April 14, 2021, Virtual Meeting
Accepted 5/26/21**

Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Attendees:

Town

Abington	No attendee
Braintree	Rosemary Nolan
Cohasset	No attendee
Duxbury	Peter Buttkus*
East Bridgewater	Rob Kenn
Hanover	No attendee
Hanson	Arlene Dias*
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*
Hull	No attendee
Kingston	Paul Basler* Jean Landis Naumann*
Middleboro	No attendee
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*
Pembroke	Angela Sestito*
Plymouth	No attendee
Rockland	No attendee
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty*
Weymouth	No attendee
Whitman	Dan Kelly*
Mass DEP	Todd Koep Ellie Donovan
SSRC	Claire Galkowski

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Kevin and Claire helped introduce all attendees.

The minutes of the MARCH 3, 2021 meeting were approved.

Rosemary and Angela volunteered for the E-board nominating committee. All current officers are willing to continue to serve and anyone else wishing to be considered should contact these two.

Todd Koep, DEP, spoke about preparing for submissions for the DEP SMRP/RDP grants. Most criteria remain the same as last year. Mobile HHW collections have been added Todd and Claire offered their assistance to member towns as they prepare their submissions.

Todd and Claire also reminded member towns to be sure to properly issue their “buy recycled” memo to all departments with the policy attached. Claire will mail a reminder to all member towns along with suggested language. A new grant requirement is that all public schools have recycling programs in place for paper, cardboard, bottles and cans. Several Board members expressed opposition to this, as the solid waste departments have little to no influence over school programs.

Voted: to have Claire prepare a letter to the State asking that the requirement for all schools to recycle be enforced by direct action with the schools and not penalize towns as there is no direct control over the schools – unanimous

Ellie recommends that the State send letters directly to the schools regarding recycling and enforcement. She will discuss this with the section chiefs.

Todd reported that the fiber markets continue to be strong which should result in a reduction in costs to the towns. Invoices should be reviewed carefully to ensure this is happening.

Claire has asked the State about the reduction in grant funding as Round 2 grants from last year have not yet been awarded. Rosemary stated that it seems the State is adding challenges rather than partnering with towns, especially during the pandemic. She would like to see greater oversight of the MRFs by the State.

The members were reminded that RDP grants can be used for HHW costs. There were several questions about how a mobile HHW would work, how safe it is, whether latex paint would be collected, if they could be conducted in the winter, and whether this would cost more or less. Kevin asked that the company be invited to speak at a future meeting.

Kevin asked if other towns charge other departments for solid waste service.

Executive Director Report – Review SSRC Updates.

As in the past, SSRC is running ads on WATD that will qualify all member towns for the appropriate RDP points.

Regarding the proposed regional hauler regulation enforcement coordinator grant, DEP has postponed that class of grants until fall.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2021 via Zoom

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.:

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann