



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, May 26, 2021, Virtual Meeting

Accepted July 21, 2021

Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM. Attendees:

Town

Abington	No attendee
Braintree	Rosemary Nolan* Jeff Kunz*
Cohasset	No attendee
Duxbury	No attendee
East Bridgewater	Rob Kenn John Haines
Hanover	No attendee
Hanson	Arlene Dias* Treasurer Gil Amado*
Hingham	No attendee
Hull	No attendee
Kingston	Paul Basler* Vice-chairman Jean Landis Naumann* Secretary
Middleboro	No attendee
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*
Pembroke	No attendee
Plymouth	No attendee
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty* Chairman
Weymouth	No attendee
Whitman	No attendee
Mass DEP	Todd Koep
SSRC	Claire Galkowski
ACV Enviro	Robert Belanger

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Kevin and Claire helped introduce all attendees.

Robert Belanger of ACV Enviro spoke about their curbside pickup service of Hazardous Household Waste. They are able to control the time and volume by requiring pre-registration for all pickups. The list of acceptable and unacceptable items is shown right on the registration page and registrants are asked to list the types and amounts of items to be picked up by their house/garage. They only pick up items listed on the registration form. Items may not be left on the sidewalk or end of driveway for safety reasons. ACV caps registration at 150 households per event, and prefer to do on weekdays. Cost is the same as for drive through events. They set up a staging area in the host town, and need roll offs to be provided. Hybrid events with both pickup and drive through are difficult to manage.

The minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting were approved.

Rosemary nominated the following slate of officers for the FY22 executive board:

Chairman	Kevin Cafferty
Vice chairman	Paul Basler
Treasurer	Arlene Dias
Secretary	Jean Landis Naumann

Voted: to elect the above nominated slate (unanimous)

Claire and Kevin welcomed the newest proposed members representing East Bridgewater, Rob Kenn and John Haines.

Voted: contingent upon Town Meeting approval and submission of necessary paperwork, acceptance of East Bridgewater as a member of SSRC (unanimous)

Todd Koep, DEP, spoke about preparing for submissions for the **DEP Small Scale/RDP grants**, due July 14, 2021. 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. Claire will send out a spreadsheet on which she has annotated the qualifying points for each member town.

Todd and Claire also reminded member towns to be sure to properly issue their “buy recycled policy” memo to all departments with the policy attached. Claire previously mailed a reminder to all member towns along with suggested language.

Todd announced he will start up his on-site visits to each town.

Under **Town Issues**, Kevin announced that Scituate is replacing an old truck, which led to a discussion of the long lead time for delivery of new equipment.

Rob asked if there was a survey done of all member towns with drop-off centers. Claire will send him the most recently completed survey.

The members discussed the various opportunities and locations for proper disposal of US flags (Veterans’ Agent, Boy Scouts, VFW, Amvets). Concern was expressed about the smoke from synthetic materials.

Vicky shared that a propane tank left in a grill caused a fire in the scrap metal roll off at Norwell's Recycling Center. The container and contents were destroyed. Claire asked if towns were having issues with propane tank pickups. Problems have been resolved.

Kingston is giving out reusable shopping bags with new transfer station stickers, paid for with RDP funds. A discussion about plastic bag bans and reusable bags ensued.

Claire played 2 of SSRC's new radio PSAs, which are airing on WATD.

Executive Director Report – Claire reminded members to read the Newsletter released yesterday for details on current issues. She has been trying to understand how waste energy credits are calculated and what the recent changes mean. Todd expressed gratitude for Claire's advocacy on several issues. Jean asked if SSRC could advocate for a state-wide single use plastic bag ban. Claire replied that she is focused on the manufacturer responsibility proposals. Kevin asked if any of the Covid-19 grant money went to the state DEP and Todd reported no funding from that. Claire pointed out the new ads on WATD, voiced by Board members Angela Allen, Paul Basler, Arlene Dias, and Rosemary Nolan that promoting proper recycling. She played a couple of the ads. Member towns qualify for RDP points for the issues covered in the ads.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 21 via Zoom. Future meetings may be a hybrid of in-person and Zoom to foster attendance by all member towns, and/or alternating in person and Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann