



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, July 21, 2021, Virtual Meeting

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Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Attendees:

Town

Abington	No attendee	
Braintree	Jeff Kunz*	
Cohasset	Ashley Kenney	
Duxbury	No attendee	
East Bridgewater	Rob Kenn	
Hanover	No attendee	
Hanson	No attendee	
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
	Nathan Hedberg	
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
Pembroke	No attendee	
Plymouth	No attendee	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty*	Chairman
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	Dan Kelly	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Obaggo	David New	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Kevin and Claire helped introduce all attendees.

David New of Obaggo spoke about his company's plan to manufacture and sell devices that will compress plastic bags and wrap into pucks which can then be used to manufacture other products.

They are working on a drop-off recovery and processing system. (MRFs are not set up to sort them

from single stream recycling). They are looking for a few towns to pilot and promote the process in 2022. Setup cost is projected to be about \$2500 (10 units plus two barrels) and RDP grant money might be used (David to get confirmation). Obaggo would pay for the collected material at market rate.

The minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting were approved.

The FY22 budget was reviewed and approved

The FY22 plan was reviewed and approved. New items are a major event and visits to member towns by Claire.

Todd Koep, DEP, congratulated the member towns for submitting their RDP grant on time and it appears the 18 member towns will qualify for \$240,000, a nearly 30% increase over last year. Todd will resume his open office hours August 17 10:00-11:00 AM where the topic will be Swap Shops.

Under Town Issues, Kevin asked if other Pay As You Throw towns were having bag supply issues. Todd confirmed this is a known problem.

Vicky noted that the Norwell COA was seeking assistance for residents who are downsizing. Claire will follow up.

Executive Director Report – Claire reminded members to read the Newsletter released yesterday for details on current issues. Maine just passed the first in the nation law regarding EPR packaging. Claire has provided the Massachusetts bill language, endorsement language and resolution language. She urged all member towns to consider submitting a resolution. Claire presented the FY21 HHW Summary – there were 11 collections with over 2500 cars and an increase in residents participating in neighboring towns. Claire thanked the 5 towns that have already paid their yearly dues and asked that the remainder do so as soon as possible.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8, in-person at the Scituate Maritime Center. Kevin may be able to schedule a tour of the DPW area after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann