



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, February 16, 2022 on Zoom.

Accepted March 23, 2022

Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Attendees:

Town

Abington	Chris Schultz	
Braintree	Jeff Kunz*	
	Rosemary Nolan*	
Cohasset	Ashley Kenney	
Duxbury	Norm Smith*	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg	
Hanover	No attendee	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*	
	Maria Zade	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Paul Basler*	Vice-Chairman
	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	Ben Margro*	
	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	
	Ellie Donovan	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Spiegel South Shore Scrap Metal	Anthony Pusateri	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Anthony Pusateri of **Spiegel South Shore Scrap Metal** gave a brief history of his company and explained that they take all metals, including Freon-containing units, cars and trucks. In addition to their Brockton location, they now have a yard in Middleboro. The family-owned business employs 48 people. After a brief question and answer period, Kevin asked if Anthony would be interested in a group bid from SSRC. He agreed to provide a proposal for consideration within 3 weeks.

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

Claire presented a spreadsheet of **grinding and screening bids** received. After some discussion, the board voted on awarding contracts as follows:

Voted: to award tub grinding contract to Wicklow Wood Recycling

Voted: to award the horizontal grind award to New England Recycling

Voted: to award the screening contract to Lions Head Organics

All votes were unanimous.

The executive director explained her imminent need to take time off and asked the board to approve participation in the **Massachusetts Paid Family Medical Leave Program**. Arlene Dias has volunteered to fill the required position of Leave Administrator for this program.

Voted: to approve participation in the Massachusetts Paid Family Leave Program (unanimous)

Todd stated that there is still no final **SMRP (including the Recycling Dividend Program) grant** information available. He has been assisting towns in submitting their RDP spending reports. Ben asked about the question on bulk items and felt it was unclear as what was being counted in that category. Todd replied that he will check on this for clarification. Unfortunately, 2 towns did not submit their reports by the Feb. 15 deadline. They will lose one RDP point if they submit before the grant deadline, or be ineligible if not. After some discussion by the board members about the amount received under RDP, Todd recommended that the SSRC send a letter to the Commissioner to increase the budget after members voiced concern about the limited amounts available.

Todd announced the next MRC meeting is 3/1 and will focus on the new waste bans.

Executive Director Report

Claire announced there are 6 Household Hazardous Waste days scheduled for the spring. She has drafted a poster announcing the dates and will send to all member towns for review before publishing.

The Newsletter has been published and has many informative articles.

Jean filmed a PSA with PACTV recently on textiles.

New business

Rosemary asked if anyone has a good contact to remove **lithium batteries**. They don't want to store them at the transfer station due to safety concerns. Claire will forward information on safe storage.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23 via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary