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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, March 23, 2022 on Zoom.

Approved June 8, 2022.

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

Town

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| Abington | No attendee | |
| Braintree | Jeff Kunz* | |
| | Rosemary Nolan* | |
| Cohasset | Ashley Kenney | |
| Duxbury | Norm Smith* | |
| East Bridgewater | No attendee | |
| Hanover | No attendee | |
| Hanson | No attendee | |
| Hingham | Randy Sylvester* | |
| | Maria Zade | |
| Hull | No attendee | |
| Kingston | No attendee | |
| Middleboro | No attendee | |
| Norwell | No attendee | |
| Pembroke | Sabrina Chilcott* | |
| Plymouth | No attendee | |
| Rockland | Delshaune Flipp* | |
| Scituate | Kevin Cafferty* | Chairman |
| Weymouth | No attendee | |
| Whitman | No attendee | |
| Mass DEP | Todd Koep | |
| SSRC | Claire Galkowski | |
| HandUp Mattress Recycling | Erik Dyson | |

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Erik Dyson, the Principal of **HandUp Mattress Recycling and Upcycling**, introduced the new business in New Bedford. HandUp opened in January. It is a for-profit social enterprise, with a goal of funding its sister non-profit to support local refugees and immigrants, which also staff the enterprise, with 60-80% of profits.

HandUp was established in anticipation of the upcoming waste ban in November. Mattresses that are reusable (i.e. returns) are sanitized and sold at 10% of retail in their upcycle store. The rest are handdeconstructed, which much of the material recycled.

HandUp can provide 20-, 40- and 53-foot containers, and provide in-house transport with their 2 box trucks. Third party haulers have proven unreliable. They hand load the trucks, and respond to pickup requests quickly.

Cost depends on volume, storage type and distance. They provide a one year price guarantee, and provide detailed invoices including weight in and weight recycled.

Chairman Cafferty asked if they could meet or beat his current cost of \$25/unit plus \$250/pickup. Erik said they would be competitive with that. Cafferty's tour request can be accommodated.

Claire polled the group about whether towns own or rent their mattress containers. Most obtained 20' containers through a grant. That size is inadequate for most. Todd recommended that all other towns apply for a container grant. Those who already received a container can't get another grant.

HandUp currently services Dartmouth (curbside), Mattapoisett and New Bedford. They would need sufficient material to schedule a pickup in any of our towns. Suggested SSRC coordinate a few curbside collections by region, using a registration system. Also consider a satellite aggregation site, with at least 20K SF. Rockland could be a possibility for a drop-off day.

Minutes: The minutes from the Feb. 16 meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Market values: The Director distributes monthly index values from Secondary Materials Markets (SMM). This or other benchmarks are or should be referenced in recycling contracts. SMM values for paper and cardboard are close to those of the PPW index referenced by WM.

Values have reached a point where towns with single stream contracts should be hovering above and below zero cost. Source separated materials should have been generating rebates for all but glass the past many months.

Glass is still a cost. SMI has been operating out of Middleboro since August at a much lower cost than the other area outlets. Scituate and Duxbury reported good experiences using their facility.

Mattress, Textile waste bans: Todd reminded managers that the new waste bans go into effect on Nov. 1 for these materials. Recycling systems should be set up for mattresses if they haven't been already. Towns already have textile recycling set up, but much is still going in the trash.

- Add these items to signage and outreach
- Apply for the mattress container grant if you haven't done so in the past. If you did, and the container is inadequate, apply anyway and make your case. Wet mattresses due to overflow and slow service may be persuasive.

MassDEP grants: Point values for [Recycling Dividend Program](#) will be changing. Towns that qualify for fewer than 10 points will receive 70% of the current point values. This would apply to at least 2 SSRC towns based on last year's points. Delshaune from Rockland recommended using ReCollect, which helps earn the Outreach point.

There are more Reuse options now, including plastic bans, building deconstruction in building permits. Some PAYT programs now qualify for up to 5 points. 64 gallon carts no longer qualify for any points. Grant applications will be available on ReTrac on 4/13. The deadline is 6/22.

Claire sent/will send emails with information about getting the textile, compost and outreach points. The SSRC is helping with the requirements. She spoke briefly about them.

Executive Director report:

The Newsletter has been published and has many informative articles. Please at least read the TOC.

Registration is open for our 7 spring Household Hazardous Waste days.

Claire's application was approved for Massachusetts Paid Family Medical Leave Program. She will only be working Mon-Wed-Fri 4 hours/day for the next few months.

New business: Discussion about making introductions more efficient.

- Todd noted that subscriptions to the SMM index is offered through MassDEP at \$50/year.
- Rosemary noted that Waste Connections recently acquired Zero Waste Solutions in Rochester, which may provide an alternative to WM for recyclables processing.
- Kevin reported that Scituate auctioned off some old dumpsters in bad condition, got about \$3K each. Also got top dollar for old trucks.
- Long lead times for equipment and parts are running up to 2 years.

Next meeting: May 11, via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.

Submitted by Claire Galkowski, Executive Director