



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative September 7, 2022 via Zoom.

Accepted 10/26/22

Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. Attendees:

Abington	Chris Schultz	
Braintree	Rosemary Nolan*	
Cohasset	No attendee	
Duxbury	No attendee	
East Bridgewater	John Haines*	
Hanover	No attendee	
Hanson	Gil Amado*	
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*	
	Matthew Cahill*	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
	David O'Connell	
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	No attendee	
Pembroke	No attendee	
Plymouth	No attendee	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty*	Chairman
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	No attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
	Missy Hollerback	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Waste Connections	Gary Hartman	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

The minutes of the June 8, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claire presented a summary of the **FY22 budget**, showing a surplus of \$15,000 mainly due to her absence to assist her husband to recover. Added to the current reserves that now total \$46,000.

Claire presented the **FY23 budget** that was reviewed by the Executive Board and shows a net of \$304. This was approved unanimously.

Claire reported on the recent issue with the **HHW contract** (more details in the September Newsletter). ACV Enviro cancelled the 5 fall Saturday events in mid-August despite confirmation in June. She is now working off the state contract FAC110 and has engaged Trident Environmental to cover the 2 November events. ACV agreed to do the first 3 on Wed. evenings, but they wouldn't schedule spring dates due to uncertainty that new owner Republic Services would continue to provide HHW service. She is finding that she has to lock in dates with municipal service agreements nearly a year in advance. There are fewer contractors and the SSRC may need to consider holding fewer events and combining more towns at each one. She also asked the members to consider a regional collection site(s) that might be open periodically, such as they have in Brockton, Newton and Lexington.

After much discussion it was voted unanimously:

Voted: to have Claire negotiate a contract with Trident for a 1.5 year contract with mutual renewal for 1 additional year with no price increase but allow for fuel. The Executive Board is authorized to negotiate a modified contract should the 1.5 year contract with extension not be possible.

Gary Hartman of **Waste Connections** described their single stream operation in West Wareham, formerly operated as Zero Waste Solutions by the owner of ABC Disposal/New Bedford Waste Services. The former owner is completely out of the business. Its affiliated now with EL Harvey, which WC also acquired last year. WC has multiple location in the US and Canada. He invited SSRC members to an onsite visit.

The industry has seen a sharp decline in profits. He described their efforts to attract and retain good staff. They have frequent fires from lithium batteries in the tipped material, and injuries from hypodermic needles. Finding good staff is a challenge, although they pay well. They are adding additional conveyor belts, robots, and a fire suppression system in the facility.

They work with Green Mattress to handle mattresses.

They have good relations with WM and Casella. Casella in Charlestown will close for several months early 2023 for complete overhaul.

Use "Actual Commodity Rate" (ACR) in pricing, transparent in disclosure (audited). Could do index rate. Gate rate is currently \$105/ton. Most residuals are disposed in OH, NY, some to SEMASS.

Kevin asked Claire to arrange an onsite visit for SSRC members and their staff.

All of the members present have **mattress contracts** so will not be affected by the November 1 state ban on mattresses in the trash. Service issues with UTEC were cited.

Executive Director Report

Claire urged the members to read the September Newsletter for more detailed information.

Claire and the members discussed current textile contracts and communities are looking into the best contracts. There was some discussion about past lawsuits regarding a vendor that works with non-profits. Gil found some old issues, but they are now in compliance.

Claire is looking for a Hazardous Waste Supervisor to replace the departing supervisor. A job description has been posted and is included in the newsletter. Interested parties should contact Claire.

New business

There was no new business.

The next meeting will be in-person at the Pembroke Library on Wednesday October 26

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary