



**SOUTH SHORE  
RECYCLING  
COOPERATIVE**

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**Meeting minutes of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative October 26, 2022 at Hanson Town Hall, and via Zoom. Accepted 12/7/22.**

Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Attendees:

<b>Abington</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Braintree</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Cohasset</b>	Ashley Kenney*	
	Dan Reardon*	
<b>Duxbury</b>	Norm Smith*	
<b>East Bridgewater</b>	Rob Kenn*	
<b>Hanover</b>	Kurt Kelley*	
<b>Hanson</b>	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
	Gil Amado*	
<b>Hingham</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Hull</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Kingston</b>	Paul Basler*	<b>Vice-chairman</b>
	Jean Landis Naumann*	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Middleboro</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Norwell</b>	Vicky Spillane*	
<b>Pembroke</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Plymouth</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Rockland</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Scituate</b>	Kevin Cafferty*	<b>Chairman</b>
	Sean McCarthy*	
<b>Weymouth</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Whitman</b>	Bruce Martin*	
<b>Mass DEP</b>	Todd Koep	
<b>SSRC</b>	Claire Galkowski	
<b>Bay State Textiles</b>	Paul Curry	

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

Paul Curry, Bay State Textiles (BST) spoke about the 100 million pounds of textiles collected in MA every year by BST and other major collectors. He explained that curbside pickup, a more expensive model, declined during the pandemic. BST, a for-profit company that shares profits with municipal and school partners, launched a program in Puerto Rico, working with businesses and now have 1300 collection boxes. Paul was asked if the current \$100 per ton rebate could be negotiated higher to match other textile programs and he agreed to extend a rate of \$140/ton to materials collected at all SSRC transfer station bins (but not schools). His company does support charities that collect textiles so he does not ask for exclusive contracts. He estimates only 3-5% of the textiles collected are unusable. Any clean textile can be reused/recycled.

The minutes of the September 7, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Arlene asked if there were any questions about the 2023 budget and gave current balances in the operation account (\$17,967.77) and the money market account (\$103,841.47)

Claire reported that the HHW contract is for 1 year (January-December 2023) with 2 one-year extensions by mutual consent and includes a fuel adjustment clause. This new contract represents a 3-4% cost increase. To cover this, she suggested each town increase this line item in their budget by 10%. To accommodate the lower level of available service and cost increase, she will work with our towns on consolidating collections and possible reduction to once yearly for each member town. She would also like the members to consider 1-2 permanent sites for HHW collection. Officials on Cape Cod are considering doing this and she plans to visit sites that are already established to learn more about the process. This would entail an additional expense (she will look into grants) and details to operate it. She stated she believes there could be long-term savings by going to this model.

Claire reported she has received no responses to the vacancy announcement for a supervisor for each HHW collection event.

Claire reported the curbside mattress collection she coordinated with HandUp in September went well.

Claire reported that while none of the producer responsibility bills passed this session, she and the Mass Product Stewardship Council will continue to work on it.

### **Executive Director Report**

Claire reported that the commodities market remains volatile.

The tour of ZeroWaste has been postponed. Kevin suggested it be rescheduled for 12/1 as in the past his staff has found it very informative.

### **New business**

Paul Basler asked if anyone is using a software program for selling transfer station stickers online as he is interested in having this available in Kingston. Kevin reported they sell about 90% of their stickers online in Scituate. Arlene recommended Paul speak with Theresa in Hanson about their software program.

Kevin stated they have some stickers at the Senior Center for 1-day use, particularly for summer visitors/renters. A collection mechanism is required as they are not permanently attached to the

vehicle. Paul stated that in Kingston 1-day stickers are printed on a piece of paper to be handed in at the transfer station. Norm stated his staff take the pass from the user.

Kevin reported they recently had a car fire at their transfer station and realized their fire extinguishers were not appropriate for the type fire. He recommended that all member towns review the type of extinguishers used at transfer stations.

Kevin reported the presence of “first amendment” group in their town hall taking pictures and entering offices to look at materials. He suggested signs be posted “Staff Only” for sensitive areas.

Claire urged all member towns to engage her assistance with the annual DEP Data Surveys, and review the RDP requirements and see where they can increase their activities to qualify for more points.

Claire reminded members to read the monthly newsletter for more recycling information.

The next meeting will be in-person and Zoom at a location to be determined. On December 7.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary