



**SOUTH SHORE  
RECYCLING  
COOPERATIVE**

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**Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative January 18, 2023 at Kingston Town Hall and via Zoom. Accepted 3/1/23**

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

<b>Abington</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Braintree</b>	Rosemary Nolan*	
<b>Cohasset</b>	Kevin Cronin	
<b>Duxbury</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>East Bridgewater</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Hanover</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Hanson</b>	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
<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>	Kerin McCall*	
<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>	Dan Kelly*	
<b>Mass DEP</b>	Todd Koep	
<b>SSRC</b>	Claire Galkowski	
<b>Boston Carting</b>	Michael Barry	

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

Michael Barry of Boston Carting described the company's four year history and acquisitions of other companies, including Barry Disposal, Sunrise Scavenger, Graham Waste and others. He spoke of their great communication with towns they service, low employee turnover, fast resolution of issues, and that residents know their employees.

They provide curbside service to the Towns of Abington and Braintree in our area, and also provide dumpster and roll-off service. They are now accepting mattresses from several towns, which they bring to HandUp in New Bedford and Green Mattress in Brockton. They are updating their software to track all trash pickups. Yard waste was big for them this past year. They are looking to grow and would welcome invitations from our member towns to discuss their services. They would like to bid on mattresses and C&D. Claire will put their contact information in the next newsletter.

To a question about picking up PAYT bags vs. carts, he said BC prefers carts, as they are cleaner, but works with towns as needed.

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

Arlene and Claire reviewed the budget. A \$2,000 grant is expected. The SSRC is on track financially.

Claire discussed the possibility of the SSRC operating a HHW depot due to the difficulty she is having getting vendors and scheduling collection dates. A depot would allow residents a monthly collection option. She has visited Brockton and will be visiting sites in Lexington and Devens to learn more about their operations. She will also research available grants. She stated she would like to collocate this with a transfer station or recycling center. She would need a location and staffing help from the member towns. The DEP prefers regional depots. Todd stated these have become very popular in Massachusetts

The group discussed the increase in the costs to dispose of mattresses and the need to increase the fee to residents for disposal. Claire mentioned that mattress stewardship legislation has been introduced to collect the disposal cost at the time of purchase rather than at the time of disposal. Non-curbside pickup and recycling costs would be paid directly by the stewardship program.

Claire discussed the upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SSRC and said there is a committee forming to work on this. The target date is May 2023.

RDP spending: DEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Todd Koep reminded managers that large amounts of Recycling Dividend Program (RDP) grant money is unspent. DEP is serious about municipalities putting it to use. Spending reports due on Feb. 15 need to demonstrate that funds are being spent. Use funds to set up programs that can earn more RDP points, or for the wide array of approved expenses, to remain qualified for the next round of non-RDP grants. Please consult with him when doing the spending report, data survey, and buy recycled memo, all due Feb. 15.

Grant preparation: Our member towns earned \$202,000 in RDP funds in 2022. Claire urged them to start preparing for the next round now, to maximize their points. 8 easy items are described in this month's newsletter. Many websites need improvement, which will be discussed next month.

There were questions and concerns raised about the new DEI point, and the extra assistance DEP is giving to the state's 45 Environmental Justice communities. Todd provided explanation. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Executive Director's Report: Claire recommended that all review the SSRC News.

She reported that a new HHW Supervisor had been hired, an almost-retiree from Cohasset, Jay McKelvey. He works for the Fed.

Following our December meeting Claire learned that an op-ed she wrote rebutting claims that plastic isn't effectively recycled was published in Commonwealth Magazine. That afternoon, she was interviewed about it on WGBH's Greater Boston show.

Claire started working on the Annual report

She noted that the FY24-28 IMA would be sent out for signature by chief elected officials soon.

New Business: Todd requested a moment of silence for Ellie Donovan from DEP SERO. She was a frequent and active participant in our meetings, and passed away on Dec. 23 after a long battle with cancer. Claire regretted not putting in newsletter, and will write an article in the next one.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 9 am, at Hanson Town Hall and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:13 am.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary