



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative March 1, 2023 at Hanson Town Hall and via Zoom. Paul Basler called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Accepted 4/12/23. Attendees:

Abington	Chris Schultz*	
Braintree	Rosemary Nolan*	
Cohasset	Merle Brown*	
	Ashley Kenney*	
Duxbury	Norm Smith*	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	No attendee	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
	Gilbert Amado*	
Hingham	No attendee	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Paul Basler*	Vice-chairman
	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
Pembroke	Angela Sestito*	
	Sabrina Chilcott*	
Plymouth	Kerin McCall*	
Rockland	No attendee	
Scituate	No attendee	
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	No attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
HHW Supervisor	Jay McKelvey	
Recolor Paints	Tania Keeble	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Following introductions, Tania Keeble, Recolor Paints, spoke about partnering with SSRC communities. Her company is based in Hanover. Recolor has 1200 venues where they sell 6,000 gallons of paint each year. They collect usable latex paint during Hanover's 2 HHW days each year, and can do pickups and Recycling Days. Their current emphasis is explaining what is done with the collected water-based paint and how this completes the recycling cycle. They started in 2009 in a small garage in Scituate. In 2022, they processed 86,000 gallons of paint, selling it at Walmart and other outlets. She shared a PowerPoint presentation on their collaboration with 30 Massachusetts towns. If a community wishes to have a paint shed, it must be winterized so the paint does not freeze. They have also collected paint at HHW events in Hanover and on Cape Cod. In Newton, they held a stand-alone event. There are costs for material processing (\$185/CY, or 23c/lb) as well as a set up fee of \$1600.

Recolor generally supports extended producer responsibility legislation for paint. Latex comes into HHW collections regardless of prohibition. They seek more partnerships.

Claire mentioned that the SSRC is partnering with the Plymouth County Mosquito Control to hold a tire collection event in May and suggested Recolor may want to also participate. RDP grant money can be used to cover the costs for Recolor.

The minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claire provided an update on the possibility of the SSRC operating a HHW depot due to the difficulty she is having getting vendors and scheduling collection dates. Hanover town officials have expressed an interest in hosting the depot. As distance to the depot may be an issue for some residents, Kingston and Middleboro may do stand-alone events. Plymouth currently holds 2 events each year. She has visited Brockton and will be visiting sites in Lexington and Devens to learn more about their operations. She reminded the members that she will need staffing help from the member towns as well as assistance working on a grant request (budgeting, staffing, resources, use of RDP grant money). She is hoping to have this up and running in the next 2 fiscal years.

Paul asked if Kingston could partner with Plymouth. The issue of traffic is resolved with pre-registration by attendees.

Claire stated she hopes to keep the HHW collection cost neutral and asked towns to keep their current budget as there will be costs. Rosemary stated that Braintree has an existing deal with Clean Harbors that they hope to continue. Sabrina pointed to the increased fuel costs and suggested towns build this into their HHW budget. Claire is planning to have this issue firmed up by mid-April. In response to Rosemary's question about traffic volume at the depot, Claire replied that this has yet to be determined.

Claire discussed the upcoming 25th anniversary of SSRC and said there is a committee working on this. The target date is May 2023. The group discussed possible locations and who should be on the invite list. SSRC will cover the cost of 3 participants from each town and there will be a cost for additional attendees. Planned is a luncheon with a guest speaker (yet to be determined). Paul asked about vendors who could help with costs and they are being solicited.

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. Todd asked that member towns be sure to have links to these on their web sites by June 1: Beyond the Bin, Encyclopedia Widget, and Recycle Smart. Todd urged the members to start their grant reports early and consult with him and Claire before the reports are submitted.

Todd reported he asked DEP to issue the grant guidelines as early as possible, rather than after the grant period opens. Claire stated her research shows most people get their recycling information from town web sites. Rosemary concurred as the calls to her office have been greatly reduced as more information is available online.

Other assistance to towns: Claire has recorded PSAs on WATD that will be aired frequently. She also recommends placing required recycling messages on the LED sign boards at transfer stations. Todd recommends having an active Recycling Committee (he attends Kingston's meetings and says they do a great job). Claire pointed out that the SSRC Newsletter she does monthly has 1500 subscribers. She also asked members to be sure they advertise the availability of home composting bins (at a subsidized rate) and the link to "how to compost" videos (link previously sent out). <https://youtu.be/yj9hUB6d-U0>

Executive Director's Report: Claire recommended that all review the SSRC News. She and Arlene completed an interview on PAC TV in Hanson. She pointed out the upcoming composting workshop at Kennedy's Country Gardens in Scituate.

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

Claire mentioned the following mattress collection event:

South Shore Recycling Cooperative and HandUp Mattress Recycling team up for a Curbside Mattress Pickup

Complete mattress and box spring recycling service for a fee of \$50/unit* includes pickup at your home on

Wed., March 29 in:

Abington, Cohasset, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Middleboro, Pembroke, Rockland, and Scituate

Wed., April 5 in Plymouth

* A mattress and box spring = 2 units

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Claire sent the Annual Report to all member towns.

New Business: Paul asked for ideas on how we can increase meeting participation by all the member towns. Claire will send out a save the date for the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 19 at 9 am, at Braintree Town Hall and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:23 am.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary