



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative April 12, 2023 at Norwell Town Hall and via Zoom. Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

Accepted 6/7/2023. Attendees:

Abington	Chris Schultz	
Braintree	Rosemary Nolan*	
	Jess Kunz*	
Cohasset	Meryl Brown*	
	Ashley Kenney*	
Duxbury	No attendee	
East Bridgewater	No attendee	
Hanover	Kurt Kelley*	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
Hingham	No attendee	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Paul Basler*	Vice-chairman
	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
	Ben Margro*	
Pembroke	No attendee	
Plymouth	No attendee	
Rockland	No attendee	
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty*	Chairman
	Sean McCarthy	
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	No attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Eco+	Marybeth and Ted Gallagher	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Following introductions, Marybeth and Ted Gallagher of **Eco+** spoke about their family business in Foxboro that started with refrigerants and has expanded to propane gas tanks and fire extinguishers, and is now hauling mattresses and electronics. Eco+ works with certified companies to ensure compliance with laws.

They asked the SSRC members what needs they have, are there gaps and what problems are they having with other vendors. Their pricing is based on volume. They are working with local legislators on the mattress stewardship bill. If they do not handle a particular item, they make referrals to other reputable and reasonably priced vendors. They are working on becoming part of the MA vendor list. They currently work with Abington, Hingham and Rockland, and are looking to expand to other towns. They provided a list of pricing just for SSRC members. They will enter into contracts with fixed pricing for one year.

The minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Kevin announced that he has scheduled confined space safety training sessions for his staff and welcomes other communities to join in the training.

Claire and Todd urged all members to work with them on preparing their grant applications, due in mid-June. They reminded members to be sure their web sites contain all the required links and that they are up to date (see latest newsletter for links).

Claire discussed the upcoming 25th Anniversary celebration to be held May 16, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm at Lovell Arena's Top Shelf Bistro in Rockland. New DEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple will be the featured speaker. Each member town will receive 3 free tickets and can purchase additional tickets for \$20. However, there is a room capacity limitation so reservations should be made early. The formal invitation will go out shortly. Additional vendors are being sought.

Claire provided an update on the HHW regional facility, proposed to be located in Hanover. In order to apply for a grant, she will need member assistance with the budget (pricing of containers, heat and air conditioning, etc.). She hopes to have this up and running in 2 fiscal years. It will be open once a month for the nearest towns. Other towns will continue to hold separate HHW collection events.

Executive Director's Report: Claire recommended that all review the SSRC Newsletter. The mattress and tire collections were very successful and additional pick-up dates have been scheduled due to volume. These are listed on the SSRC web site under EVENTS. Kevin mentioned that the Plymouth County Mosquito Control can be very helpful in eliminating mosquito breeding areas.

Claire reminded members that the new intermunicipal agreements must be signed by the town administrator and returned to here by June 30.

New Business: a member reported communication issues with Clean Harbors regarding used oil pick-ups. Todd advised her to call Will Mbah at DEP.

Jean asked if the attendance might increase if the meeting schedule was standardized and sent out well in advance so members could plan to attend. After some discussion, it was agreed that Jean would draft a schedule for the executive board and Claire to review.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 7 at 9 am, in Pembroke and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:19 am.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary