



**SOUTH SHORE  
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**Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative June 7, 2023 at Pembroke Town Hall and via Zoom. Paul Basler called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.**

**Accepted 8/2/2023**

**Attendees:**

<b>Abington</b>	Chris Schultz	
<b>Braintree</b>	Rosemary Nolan*	
	Jess Kunz*	
<b>Cohasset</b>	Ashley Kenney*	
<b>Duxbury</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>East Bridgewater</b>	Lynn Lundberg*	
<b>Hanover</b>	Kurt Kelley*	
<b>Hanson</b>	Gil Amado*	
<b>Hingham</b>	Randy Sylvester*	
<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>	Sabrina Chilcott*	
	Angela Sestito*	
<b>Plymouth</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Rockland</b>	Delshaune Flipp*	
<b>Scituate</b>	Sean McCarthy*	
<b>Weymouth</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Whitman</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Mass DEP</b>	Todd Koep	
<b>SSRC</b>	Claire Galkowski	
<b>Bay State Books</b>	Larry O'Connor	
	Steve Fenerjian	

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

Following introductions, Larry O'Connor and Steve Fenerjian of RI-based Bay State Books spoke about their 6 year old business collecting and reusing books and media, including text books and encyclopedias, CDs and DVDs. They currently work with several communities, schools and libraries, including libraries in Cohasset, Duxbury, Plymouth and Scituate. South Shore pickups are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. Some books are resold online while others are converted to paper products.

Their focus is on providing good service by frequent visits to empty bins and provide clean bins. Communities can have their town crest placed on the bins. They also accept CDs and DVDs. Their phone number is included on the bin and service is provided within 24 hours. They document dates and weights, and pay 2-3¢ per pound. payments are issued quarterly. They would like to place containers in transfer stations and recycling centers.

**Voted: to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting (unanimous)**

Claire presented the proposed FY24 budget, previously endorsed by the executive board. After discussion:

**Voted: to approve the proposed FY24 budget (unanimous).**

Claire spoke about the upcoming hearings on the product stewardship legislation and urged members to testify and/or submit testimony in writing. She also presented a resolution supporting stewardship bills covering paper and packaging, paint and mattresses for the board to approve, as well as having each member community approve and submit.

**Voted: to have the resolution regarding the product stewardship legislation submitted on behalf of the SSRC (unanimous).**

Claire presented information on the \$250,000 grant proposal for a permanent HHW depot, possibly cited in Hanover. She has requested support letters from member communities. Board members asked for a proposed budget to submit along with the request for a support letter. Claire stated she will send this out. This is a matching grant and Claire asked the board to approve using \$25,000 excess SSRC funds toward the match with smaller amounts from the communities to be serviced by the depot.

**Voted; to approve up to \$25,000 excess SSRC funds for a matching grant for the HHW depot grant, contingent on receipt of a draft budget (unanimous).**

Claire and Todd urged all members to work with them on preparing their grant applications, due June 14. While some members have already submitted their grant applications, others are still in draft form. Todd asked all members to allow him to review their application prior to submission.

Todd announced that Kathy Mirza will take over for Brooke Nash when she retires the end of June.

Claire discussed the possibility of developing a regional hauling bid and Todd offered to assist. Paul asked that Claire solicit a response from all member communities to determine interest in pursuing this effort. Hingham, Scituate, Hanover and Kingston expressed interest.

Claire conducted the annual eboard elections. There were no new nominations to the previously announced slate. Paul noted that the current EBoard has served for several years, and urged others to step up next year. The Board would benefit from fresh faces in leadership, and recommended instituting term limits in the bylaws.

**Voted: to elect the following eboard officers:**

<b>President</b>	<b>Kevin Cafferty</b>
<b>Vice president</b>	<b>Paul Basler</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Alene Dias</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Jean Landis Naumann</b>

**The vote was unanimous.**

**Executive Director's Report:**

Claire thanked all members for their assistance with the recent 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Claire recommended that all review the most recent 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.

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

Claire reminded members that support letters are needed for the HHW depot grant application.

**New Business:**

Randy spoke of the increased C&D costs due to little or no competition. He asked that this be included with the bid proposal for hauling. Paul asked Todd if this could be brought to the attention of DEP and Todd recommended contacting John Fisher directly.

Claire presented a proposed meeting schedule, including host communities, for the next year.

**Voted: to adopt the proposed meeting schedule (unanimous)**

Paul thanked Pembroke for hosting.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2 at 9 am, in Scituate and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:24 am.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary