



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative September 6, 2023 at Kingston Town Hall and via Zoom. Paul Basler called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Accepted 10/18/2023.

Attendees:

Abington	No attendees	
Braintree	Jeff Kunz*	
Cohasset	Ashley Kenney*	
Duxbury	No attendee	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
	John Haines*	
Hanover	No attendees	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Paul Basler*	Vice-chairman
	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
Pembroke	No attendees	
Plymouth	No attendee	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty*	Chairman
	Sean McCarthy*	
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	No attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski (Zoom)	
2M Resources	Aaron Kennedy	
	Francois Ierfino	
Resident	Vanessa Verkade	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Paul led introductions. Aaron Kennedy and Francois Ierfino described their company, 2M Resources, and the services they offer to recycle glass at their 3 year old Hopedale facility. Glass can be reused infinitely.

2M processed 38,000 tons of glass in the past year, and is scaling up to 100,000 tons/year. They are willing to take any volume of glass, which is processed at their plant in Hopedale and shipped via on-site rail to fiberglass and bottle manufacturers. 2M prefers to separate glass by color at their plant. They do not provide transportation service.

They encourage all towns to collect source separated glass at their facilities, to reduce single stream costs and provide clean material which can be recycled back into glass.

They have visited all SSRC towns that source separate glass. The quality was very good, and they will offer a rebate contract.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2023 meeting (unanimous)

Claire discussed the need to extend or rebid the Hazardous Household Waste contract. Our current vendor Trident has agreed to a 1-year contract extension. There are very few vendors handling this material.

Voted: to approve the 1-year extension of our current contract with trident (unanimous)

This will provide for HHW collections through 12/2024.

Claire reported she and others have met with the State to create a Solid Waste Advisory Committee sub-committee to focus on HHW issues.

Claire proposed a dues increase from \$4,850 for member towns. It hasn't changed since 2016. Middleboro notified the Board that it is withdrawing from the SSRC after this fiscal year, and inflation is impacting the budget. Many felt it should not exceed \$5,000 and they would need documentation to support requesting an increase in their budget. Claire reminded the attendees that up to \$3,000 of RDP grant money can be used toward these dues. The SSRC e-board will meet to discuss other revenue-raising options (Claire will schedule). Claire will review the FY24 budget for SSRC to find any savings. Most of the current surplus has been dedicated to a regional HHW facility.

Voted: to authorize a \$100 increase in yearly member dues effective in FY25 (unanimous)

Claire reported that 25% of all single-stream recycling is glass. She asked if towns with single stream recycling thought their residents would be willing to separate their glass and drop it off at a local collection site. Vicky (Norwell), Delshaune (Rockland) and Arlene (Hanson) would like to explore this for their towns. John reported they have this available every other week and participation is low.

Todd was asked if the State has any glass reduction program/grants. He replied not at this time but he will raise the issue at an upcoming MAC meeting. Delshaune pointed out that a larger container would help to reduce hauling costs. Lynn reported they are paying rental fees for containers. Todd mentioned there was a grant to purchase containers last year and he will advocate to have this available again this year.

Executive Director's Report:

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

The new HHW fliers are available today and will be delivered to towns not in attendance today. Arlene volunteered to take the remaining fliers.

Claire reminded the members of the next few meeting dates.

New Business: none

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18 at 9 am, at the Hanson Town Hall, 542 Liberty Street, and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:18 am.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary