



**SOUTH SHORE  
RECYCLING  
COOPERATIVE**

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**Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative August 2, 2023 at the Scituate Police Department and via Zoom. Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.**

**Attendees:**

<b>Abington</b>	Chris Schultz*, Eddie Murphy
<b>Braintree</b>	Rosemary Nolan*
<b>Cohasset</b>	Ashley Kenney
<b>Duxbury</b>	Norm Smith*
<b>East Bridgewater</b>	No attendee
<b>Hanover</b>	No attendee
<b>Hanson</b>	Arlene Dias*, <b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Hingham</b>	No attendee
<b>Hull</b>	No attendee
<b>Kingston</b>	Paul Basler*, <b>Vice-chairman</b>
<b>Middleboro</b>	No attendee
<b>Norwell</b>	No attendee
<b>Pembroke</b>	No attendee
<b>Plymouth</b>	No attendee
<b>Rockland</b>	No attendee
<b>Scituate</b>	Kevin Cafferty, <b>Chairman*</b> , Sean McCarthy*
<b>Weymouth</b>	No attendee
<b>Whitman</b>	No attendee
<b>Mass DEP</b>	Todd Koep, John Fischer
<b>SSRC</b>	Claire Galkowski

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

Following introductions, MassDEP's Solid Waste Division Director John Fischer gave a [presentation](#) about Disaster Debris Management planning and resources.

Identifying sites, roles and responsibilities ahead of time can maximize FEMA reimbursement, result in quick clearing of material, maximize diversion and minimize the cost of disposal. Mass. disposal capacity is disappearing, so most unsorted disaster debris must be railed out of state.

Ensure that the same site isn't identified for multiple purposes that would conflict. With a one-page notification, DEP will provide emergency site assignment for debris aggregation. Ideal site is on

public property, with easy entry and exit, and not in a flood plain, but DEP understands constraints and can be flexible. Coordinate with MassDOT, MassDEP.

MassDEP has [concise guidance](#) and a [7 page checklist](#).

Scituate uses beach parking lots to manage debris. Hingham uses an area near the DPW.

**Approve [June minutes](#):** Paul Basler move to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2023 meeting. Rosemary Nolan seconded. AIF

**Discussion:** Has illegal dumping of **mattresses** increased this year? Other mattress issues? One of the towns in attendance noted an increase in illegal dumping since the disposal ban last November. Most use HandUp Mattress recycling.

Braintree just instituted a requirement that mattresses be placed in a plastic bag. Bags are sold at four locations at \$5 each. They will begin enforcement in a year. Collection and recycling are paid through the general fund.

**Meeting sponsor, topic suggestions:** Trident Environmental, our HHW vendor; WIN Waste or competitor. WIN waste has acquired all the area C&D facilities, raised rates to around \$130/ton. \$130/ton

Sewage sludge is difficult to find outlets for.

Meet with DEP leaders- Greg Cooper, John Fischer, Kathi Mirza, Claudine, to discuss the future with respect to mattresses, C&D, Sludge and food waste. Communicate the need for more advance notice of policy changes from DEP. Ms. Nolan noted that it takes 2-3 years to get the work out to people.

Discussed incentivizing **deconstruction through building permits** to reduce disposal volume and cost. See RecycleWorks link. Reduce permit cost? There is little communication between DPWs and Building Depts. Scituate deconstructed lighthouse, discovered that salvaged bricks weren't hard enough to meet building codes.

**Executive Director's Report:** Review [SSRC Updates](#).

- HHW Depot grant application submitted, over budget.
- Dues collection progress: Thirteen towns paid, 5 to go.
- Producer responsibility legislation update: Testified at Environment and natural Resources Committee hearing 6/14, there was a lot of attention to product stewardship bills. Met with both Committee Chairs along with other Mass. Product Stewardship leaders recently, paint bill looks promising.

New business

Next meeting set for Sept. 6, Kingston Town Hall

Adjourn at 10:15.

Submitted by Claire Galkowski, Executive Director

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