



**SOUTH SHORE  
RECYCLING  
COOPERATIVE**

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**Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative October 18, 2023 at Hanson Town Hall and via Zoom. Approved on 11/29, 2023.**

**Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Attendees:**

<b>Abington</b>	<b>No attendees</b>	
<b>Braintree</b>	Rosemary Nolan*	
<b>Cohasset</b>	Ashley Kenney*	
<b>Duxbury</b>	Norm Smith*	
	Sheila Sgarzi	
<b>East Bridgewater</b>	Lynn Lundberg*	
<b>Hanover</b>	Kurt Kelley*	
<b>Hanson</b>	Arlene Dias*	
	Gilbert Amando*	
<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>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Pembroke</b>	<b>No attendees</b>	
<b>Plymouth</b>	Kerin McCall	
<b>Rockland</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Scituate</b>	Kevin Cafferty*	<b>Chairman</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 (Zoom)	
<b>Waste Zero</b>	Mark Dancy, CEO	
	Taylor Millspaugh	
<b>Resident</b>	Janice McPhillips, Hingham	

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

Kevin led introductions.

Mark Dancy and Taylor Millspaugh described their company, Waste Zero (WZ) and the services they offer to manage and reduce waste.. WZ provides Pay-as-you-Throw (PAYT) support services to five-hundred municipalities, including eight on the South Shore. . They produce and distribute the bags for this program.

PAYT is a very effective system for reducing waste. WZ can help get new programs going for municipalities with no upfront costs. It can work with automated curbside collection using cameras.

They also described a program they run in Connecticut to co-collect organic material curbside with the trash. Separate 4-8 gal food waste bags that are a different color than the PAYT bags. Strong enough to stay intact in a compactor, the bags are sorted from the trash bags at a pre-disposal facility. The cost is \$15/household/year. The tip fee for organics in CT is \$60/ton.

WZ will work with communities to resolve problems quickly, and explain the benefits of PAYT.

Chairman Cafferty affirmed that WZ has resolved bag quality problems quickly for Scituate. They are also selling “Beach bags” for \$4 each.

**Voted: to approve the minutes of the September 6 2, 2023 meeting (unanimous)**

The SSRC Grinding and Screening contracts are expiring. The Board may extend them for one year, or re-bid. In discussion, managers expressed general satisfaction with the services provided by these contracts.

Lion’s Head Organics proposed a \$200 increase to the daily rental-only rate for its trommel screen, with all other rates to be kept as is.

**Voted: to accept the proposed rate increase and extend the contract with Lions Head Organics through 12/31/2024 (unanimous)**

G Lopes proposed to keep its current contract rates for both horizontal and tub grinding services.

**Voted: to extend the contract with G Lopes through 12/31/2024 (unanimous)**

Wicklow Wood Recycling proposed an 11% increase for tub grinding services.

**Voted: to accept the proposed rate increase and extend the contract with Wicklow Wood Recycling through 12/31/2024 (unanimous)**

Claire discussed a budget revision to cover an erroneous estimate and fund a 2% salary increase. Options were discussed.

**Voted: to increase meeting sponsorships from \$150 to \$300 (unanimous)**

Discussion of how to fund a pay increase for Claire will be done at the November meeting.

Paul raised concerns about the regional HHW facility and would like more information before the group goes any further. A budget and timeline needs to be established along with feasibility of the location and infrastructure required. Claire noted that some of it had been done, some was in process.

Volunteers formed a working group: Paul, Kurt, and Randy. Sheila Sgarzi (new Duxbury DPW Director) will be invited. Todd agreed to work with them.

**General discussions:**

Jean Landis Naumann noted that Kingston's 6 month food waste collection pilot at the transfer station was going very well, with 100 households participating. They are negotiating a contract now.

Janice McPhillips spoke about Cleaner Greener Hingham's desire to establish an organics collection program in Hingham.

Rosemary discussed the declining rate of recycling compliance in Braintree. The town has done outreach to residents and the schools. They employ 2-3 part-time staff to monitor items in the recycling bins and tag residents for violations. Janice commented that the public may be jaded due to recent negative articles. The China Sword and pandemic have added to apathy.

Arlene mentioned a sudden increase in tires and furniture being dumped in the Hanson woods. Norm reported receiving calls on abandoned furniture in Duxbury.

Ashley noted that Cohasset had to limit its swap shop "boutique" hours due to so much junk being deposited. Kevin from Scituate also noted swap shop issues. Randy reported his most frequent resident complaints have to do with the Swap Shop.

Kevin said Scituate received complaints after trash barrels were removed from the beaches and a carry-in carry-out policy was put in place. Paul reported that Kingston has the same policy, with no trash barrels on the beach.

Paul reported his OTR equipment inspections are done onsite in response to Kevin's question.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

The new HHW fliers have been delivered to all towns by Arlene.

Claire asked for assistance hiring HHW staff and where best to advertise the positions.

Kevin and Sean will review the hauling bid for the 7 towns on the contract.

Claire asked attendees to take the permanent HHW signs she had made.

**New Business:** none

The next meeting is scheduled for November 29 at 9 am, at the Rockland Town Hall, 242 Union Street, and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:30 am.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary