



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative January 17, 2024 at Duxbury Town Hall and via Zoom. Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Attendees:

Abington	Eddie Murphy*	
Braintree	Rosemary Nolan*	
Cohasset	No attendee	
Duxbury	Norm Smith*	
East Bridgewater	No attendee	
Hanover	No attendee	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*	
	Liz Welch	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Paul Basler*	Vice-chairman
	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
	Glenn Ferguson	
Pembroke	Sabrina Chilcott*	
Plymouth	Lee Cleveland	
	Kerin McCall*	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty*	Chairman
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	No attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Helpsy	Lisa Scianella	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Kevin led introductions. Lisa Scianella described her company and the services they offer to communities to collect and recycle textiles. All their employees earn a living wage and are shareholders. They also receive a commission based on the pounds of textiles they collect. 95% of all textiles are recycled, mostly in North America. They have 3 lines of business: collection, source (supply 6000 thrift stores and resellers), and trading (12M per year as a broker). They aim to be convenient by having bins, clothing drives and home pickups. They offer 3 options to towns: pay per pound for material left in town collection bins; they can partner with the town to hold a clothing drive; and they can sign an agreement with towns to conduct home pickup. Lisa is available to speak with groups such as school Green Teams. She will submit a rate proposal for SSRC member towns.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2023 meeting (unanimous)

Claire discussed the RFP responses for hauling, C&D and Recycling contracts.

Hauling: Prevailing Wage rates were not received in time, so the bid had to be cancelled. It will be re-released when the PW rates are received.

Source-separated recyclables processing: Only one bid was received, and it was unresponsive. The Board directed Claire to poll potential bidders, and if interest warrants, hold a pre-bid meeting and repeat.

Construction, demolition and bulky waste: 2 bids were submitted. The Board reviewed them.

Voted: to award the Construction, demolition and bulky waste contract to Recycling Solutions in Raynham. (unanimous)

Bid documents and summary are posted at <https://ssrcoop.info/documents/> under Contracts.

Todd reminded members about upcoming deadlines for submitting Recycling Data Surveys, RDP Spending Reports, and distribution of Buy Recycled memos to all town departments. He reported there are some changes to RDP guidelines for the coming year.

Todd reported he compiled data on the volume of trash per town and the results are not good. Waste generation is increasing as disposal capacity is going down. Waste from the Cape is being railed as far as Alabama. This will be a focus this year as he works with each town.

Kevin remarked that the reduction in C&D material may be due to an increase in the number of private dumpster hauling.

Kevin asked that members submit items for discussion at future board meetings.

Executive Director's Report:

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

The Annual Report is nearly ready and will be sent to member towns for inclusion in the town Annual Report. Each town has a different font requirement and Claire asked for assistance from each town to properly format the report before it is submitted to the town.

Claire reported there have been several meetings regarding the proposed HHW Depot. Todd has been very helpful. More funds will be needed to meet higher than expected costs.

Delshaune offered that Rockland could submit an application for a Community Compact Efficiency and Regionalization Grant, which is due 2/9/2024. (The SSRC is not an eligible entity).

Claire reported that the product stewardship legislation was presented at a legislator briefing and is hopeful to see some movement.

Claire announced that there will be a session on contracting for trash and recycling at the upcoming MMA convention.

Julia Green is offering a class on municipal contracting. Kevin asked if a Zoom meeting for the board could be arranged.

New Business - none

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024 at 9 am, at a location to be announced and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:24 am.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary