



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative April 3, 2024 at Hanover Town Hall and via Zoom. Paul Basler called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Accepted May 15, 2024

Attendees:

Abington	Eddie Murphy*	
Braintree	No attendee	
Cohasset	Ashley Kenney	
Duxbury	No attendee	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg	
Hanover	Kurt Kelley*	
	Kim Dixon	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Paul Basler*	Vice-chairman
	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	Ben Margo*	
Pembroke	No attendee	
Plymouth	James Downey*	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	
	David Taylor*	
Scituate	No attendee	
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	No attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski (Zoom)	
	Ken Stone, Plymouth resident	
HandUp Mattress Recycling	Erik Dyson	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Paul led introductions.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting (unanimous)

Claire provided an overview of the Mass DEP Grant Agreement for a HHW Depot. Topics discussed were the contract, timeline, financing and other grants, executive director hours for project, and participating communities utilizing RDP grant money for their portion of the financing.

Voted: to authorize the executive director to sign the Mass DEP Grant Agreement for a HHW Depot (unanimous)

Claire discussed the extension of the Trident HHW contract.

Voted: to authorize extension of the Trident HHW contract (1-1-25 to 6-30-25) – unanimous

Claire reviewed all the data for the two bids received for a hauling contract.

Voted: to award both contracts and allow affected towns decide on which contractor to use – unanimous

Paul asked for volunteers to serve on a nominating committee for officers for the next fiscal year. He also asked for volunteers to serve as officers. Paul and Kevin do not intend to continue after this June. Jean is willing to have someone else take over as secretary. Arlene would like to continue as treasurer. Claire will email all board members with duties for each position, request volunteers for nominating committee, and request volunteers to serve as officers. A nominating committee will be appointed at the May 15 board meeting.

Those present were polled for interest. Ben Margro noted that Norwell solid waste responsibility will be moved from the Board of Health to the DPW in the near future.

Erik Dyson of HandUp Mattress Recycling spoke about his company and the services they provide. While this is a for-profit company, 60% of the profit is used to support immigrants and refugees. This amounted to \$120K last year. They employ 24 immigrants from 10 countries to provide upward movement to these populations.

They provide both pick-up and drop-off services for mattresses and box springs to 30 communities in Massachusetts. They processed 63,000 items in 2023 and 78% of the material was recycled. They are based in New Bedford and recently moved into a larger space due to an increase in business. They also sanitize and sell 5% of the items received, either online or in a new retail space, at 20% of the original retail price and they sell about 200 items a month. They recently purchased equipment that allows them to re-box mattresses and mail them via UPS. They are on the state vendor list (FAC 90), charging \$21.50/unit and hauling loads with < 40 units for \$450. They do monthly curbside pick-ups in SSRC towns for about \$50/unit, and invite member communities to put a link to their company on town web sites. Collections are thin in the Plymouth-Middleborough-Kingston-Duxbury area. [Home | HandUp Mattress Upcycling](#)

Claire presented the findings of her **online poll** of member towns as to whether SSRC meetings should be conducted in-person, via Zoom, or both. The majority of responders prefer having the option so it was decided to **continue with hybrid meetings**.

Todd discussed the current DEP grant applications. There are some changes and he urged everyone to attend the 4-10 webinar for details. The link is on the DEP website as well as in the most recent SSRC newsletter. For those unable to attend, please register and a link to a recording of the webinar will be sent to all who register. Todd and Claire urged all members to **please have their applications reviewed** by either of them to be sure they are complete and will result in the highest amount possible. Claire listed a few of the activities SSRC does that can go toward grant points.

Executive Director's Report:

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

She distributed the draft source-separated recyclables processing IFB previously by email and asked for any comments before it is released next Monday.

The paint bill seems to be moving through the legislature on Beacon Hill and may go to a vote. She urged all communities to send an endorsement. She will send language and instructions via email.

New Business

Todd reminded the members of the MassBuysExpo coming up May 2 at Gillette Stadium. This is a great opportunity to talk with vendors. [MASSBUYS EXPO 2024 | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massbuys-expo-2024)

The next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2024 at 9 am, at the Whitman Town Hall, 54 South Avenue and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:44 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary