



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative May 15, 2024 at Whitman Town Hall and via Zoom. Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Attendees:

Abington	Eddie Murphy*	
Braintree	No attendee	
Cohasset	Ashley Kenney*	
Duxbury	No attendee	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	Kurt Kelley*	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*	
	Ashley Sanford	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Paul Basler*	Vice-chairman
	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
	Laura Napa	
	Glen Ferguson	
Pembroke	No attendee	
Plymouth	James Downey*	
	Kerin McCall*	
Rockland	No attendee	
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty*	President
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	Dan Kelly*	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Kevin and Claire led introductions.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 meeting (unanimous)

Claire and Arlene reviewed the current financial report. Claire reported that expenses may increase and money would need to be transferred from reserve funds.

Claire explained that additional funds will be needed to cover the HHW expenses. This is our major core program and consumes much of Claire's time. Two options were discussed – increase fee per car (difficult to administer) or once a year administrative fee from each member town (funds can come from RDP grant money). After a discussion of limiting volume per car, it was decided to table this issue for fear of illegal dumping/inclusion in trash. Often the larger amounts come from house moves or estate cleanups.

Voted: all SSRC member towns will be billed annually a \$500 administrative fee or \$750 for a community hosting 2 events per year for HHW collection (unanimous)

Claire announced there were no bids received for the **recycling Processing contract**.

James Downey and Kurt Kelley volunteered to be the executive board (EBoard) **nominating committee**. Claire will send out an email to all members asking for self-nominations for open positions on the executive board. Voting will take place at the June 26 meeting.

Todd spoke about the **Mass DEP grant preparation**. The deadline is June 12. Most towns still need to complete their applications and minimum criteria certifications. He and Claire offered to help any town to complete them by June 6.

Todd briefed the attendees on the recent DEP meeting. Emphasis is on reusable food containers and lowering the limit on the food waste ban. DEP personnel completed 225 trash inspections this past year and found the largest amount of recyclable materials being thrown away is cardboard.

Todd cautioned the members that the RDP funding from waste energy credits may be reduced, which may result in cuts to the grant and other DEP programs. He will advise us on when and how to send letters of support to the legislature for the current rates.

Claire reported she recently placed **multi-lingual palm cards** on the SSRC website. All towns should have a link to this on their own website. Todd stated he does check to be sure all member towns have the correct links on their websites.

Claire discussed the **HHW Depot**. Design is under way, and may result in lower costs than projected. Most of the funding is in place, if we also reduce the 10% contingency amount in the proposed budget. Some items may need to be removed and/or more RDP funding needed from the towns using this facility. A national consultant met with Claire, Kurt and Todd onsite last week. The opening target date is January 2026. We will need a project manager.

Executive Director's Report:

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

She reported that the new assistant HHW assessor, Elizabeth Howie, is from ReColor.

She introduced our new summer intern Abrielle Silva who attends Colgate College.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2024 at 9 am, at the Pembroke Town Hall, 100 Center Street and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:18 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary