



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative June 26, 2024 at Pembroke Town Hall and via Zoom. Paul Basler called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Accepted 8/7/2024.

Attendees:

Abington	Eddie Murphy*	New Vice-chairman
Braintree	Rosemary Nolan	
Cohasset	Ashley Kenney*	
	Dan Reardon	
Duxbury	No attendee	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	Kurt Kelley*	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*	
	Ashley Sanford*	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Paul Basler*	Outgoing Vice-chairman
	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
Pembroke	Sabrina Chilcott*	
	Angela Sestito*	
Plymouth	James Downey*	
	Kerin McCall*	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	New Chairman
	David Taylor*	
Scituate	No attendee	
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	Dan Kelly*	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Green Team	Fred Cullen	
Resident	David O'Connell, Kingston	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Paul and Claire led introductions.

Fred Cullen, owner of Green Team Junk Removal spoke about his company and its services. He founded the company in 2018 in Holliston, MA. They accept material on site, do in-home cleanouts, pick up mattresses, and partner with Eversource and National Grid to offer recycling and energy drives which accept electronic waste, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, and textiles. Their e-waste recycler is not certified, but he receives certificates of destruction from their downstream vendors. They attempt to keep their prices affordable while insuring they remain profitable. They also work with Hand-Up Mattress, picking up at curbside for \$75/unit, and accepting for drop off for \$45/unit. They can handle all household items except Hazardous Household Waste. They bring used furniture to various homeless shelters and Habitat for Humanity ReStores.

Mr. Cullen is working with Rep. Philips on a mattress stewardship bill. Their goal is to recycle as many items as possible to minimize the material that ends up in the trash (about 18% of material collected).

A September collection event is planned in Plymouth, cosponsored by Reps. LaNatra and Muratore.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting (unanimous)

The FY25 Budget proposal was tabled to the next meeting to allow discussion between Claire and Arlene. FY24 budget ended with a \$1600 overage.

Election of Officers for FY25

Chairman – Delshaune Flipp, Rockland

Vice-chairman – Eddie Murphy, Abington

Treasurer – Arlene Dias, Hanson

Secretary – Jean Landis Naumann, Kingston

Voted: to approve the slate of officers as presented (unanimous)

Claire presented a plaque to Paul to recognize his many years of service as an officer. A similar plaque will be presented to Kevin in the future. Flowers and a thank you card were presented to Rosemary Nolan for her many years of service on the board. She has retired. Rosemary spoke of her many years devoted to recycling, and her positive experiences working with Claire and the SSRC.

Claire presented a proposed meeting/location schedule for FY25, which was approved.

Hazardous Household Waste Depot

Claire and Todd reported that action continues, the budget may decrease and completion may be earlier than anticipated. A conceptual plan is included in the latest newsletter.

Executive Director's Report:

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

The spring HHW went well with a record 1,357 participants.

The new intern is currently working on data and will review the newsletter format.

All member towns should consider using the new contracts and can refer to the response for the recycling processing contract (she will send an email to member towns).

She reported this has been a very busy year for proposed bills and is hopeful the upcoming vote on the paint bill (14 years in the making) will be positive. The updated bottle bill is in the Senate. She thanked everyone for sending in support for these bills.

The FY25 dues invoices will go out in early July with hopes they will be paid quickly to cover expenses.

MAC Report

Todd reported all member towns submitted their Mass DEP grant applications on time, with fewer points for all due to the elimination of the yard waste point.

Todd led a group of DEP representatives on a tour of Bay State Textiles in Kingston followed by a tour of the Kingston Recycling and Disposal Center. Todd was surprised to learn that Bay State Textiles simply bales all the material and sends it overseas, as opposed to sorting it locally. Bay State is proposing to set up a web site to sell the best apparel items. The visitors were impressed with the Kingston RDC.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2024 at 9 am, in Scituate and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary