



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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**Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative September 18, 2024 at Hanson Town Hall
and via Zoom. Delshaune Flipp called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.**

Accepted 10/30/24

Attendees:

Abington	Eddie Murphy*	Vice-chairman
Braintree	No attendee	
Cohasset	No attendee	
Duxbury	Bri (resident)	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	Kurt Kelley*	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
	Gil Amado*	
Hingham	Ashley Sanford*	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Paul Basler*	
	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
Pembroke	Sabrina Chilcott*	
Plymouth	Leona Cleveland*	
	Kerin McCall*	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	Chairman
Scituate	No attendee	
Weymouth	Katie McDonald*	
Whitman	No attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Tough Stuff Mattress	Rodney Clara	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Claire led introductions.

Rodney Clara, the Sales VP at Tough Stuff Recycling, spoke about their mattress recycling business located in Fitchburg and invited the members to come for a tour. His company employees 30 people and they process 12,000-13,000 units per month, with capacity for about twice that number. They have reduced the processing time to just minutes and recycle 95% of the material. They provide services to 30 communities and offer curbside services as well as container rentals. They charge \$33 per unit (minimum 25) which includes transportation and offer tiered lower pricing for high volume generators such as hotels. They now offer to take illegally dumped mattresses if properly bagged. They also offer web site videos on proper handling of mattresses at transfer stations.

Claire will poll members for interest in doing a tour.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2024 meeting (unanimous)

Delshaune led a discussion to recommend a salary increase for the executive director of 2.5%.

Voted: to approve the proposed 2.5% increase in the salary of the executive director for FY25 (unanimous).

Claire presented information on the bids received from Clean Harbors and Trident for the new HHW contract. Clean Harbors' bid was lowest responsible and responsive and had good references.

Voted: to award a 1-year contract with 2 1-year extensions to Clean Harbors with up to 3% increase with the second extension (unanimous)

Claire provided an update on the HHW Depot. MAPC is about to go out to bid for engineering services, since they are the fiscal agent for the grant funding which will cover the engineering costs, using the State contract. We are two months behind schedule.

Executive Director's Report:

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

Claire presented the fall HHW collection schedule.

Claire is working on a summary report on the summer intern.

MAC Report

Todd reported that Call2Recycle offers and requires training on handling lithium-ion batteries. For towns that ship less than 66 lbs. at a time, a 15-minute training is provided. Towns that ship more require a 6-8 hour training every 3 years, at a cost of \$149. A special box should be used for damaged batteries. RDP funds can be used for training courses and the special boxes. There will be a Municipal Recycling Council meeting on the topic.

Paul Basler announced he will be retiring 11-1-2024 and thanked Claire for all her assistance over the years. He recommended using Call2Recycle to handle lithium batteries. Claire said she covered this in the newsletter about a year ago. Eddie offered to provide more information at the next meeting. Jean thanked him for his support of the Kingston Recycling Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 30, 2024 at 9 am, at Abington Town Hall and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:11 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary