



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative October 30, 2024 at Abington Town Hall and via Zoom. Minutes accepted on December 11, 2024. Attendees:

Abington	Eddie Murphy*	Vice-chairman
Braintree	No attendee	
Cohasset	Ashley Kenney*	
Duxbury	No attendee	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	Kurt Kelley*	
	Victor Diniak*	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
Hingham	Ashley Sanford*	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Paul Basler*	
	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
	David O'Connell	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
Pembroke	No attendee	
Plymouth	James Downey*	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	Chairman
Scituate	No attendee	
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	No attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Eco Plus Recycling	Marybeth Gallagher	
Clean Ride	David Klass, Mike Callender	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Delshaune Flipp called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. and led introductions.

Marybeth Gallagher of Eco Plus Recycling spoke about the services offered by this woman-owned business. They provide a single point of service for managing mattresses, white goods, e-waste, fire extinguishers, propane, acetylene and oxygen tanks. They have been hired by the Towns of Abington, Pembroke, Rockland, Kingston and others as well as hotels, colleges and healthcare facilities. They've gone through extensive vetting with Mass Save and some electricity suppliers to provide in-home efficiency services. They collect appliances with refrigerants at MassSave events. Their neighbor Interstate Refrigerant Recovery removes the Freon.

She will email the current rates for SSRC member towns and share her slide show.

Contact colman@ecoplusrecyclingservices.com, 508-851-7470.

Chairman Delshaune, Vice chairman Eddie and Paul Basler all indicated satisfaction with their service and pricing.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2024 meeting (unanimous)

Claire announced that Marshfield has asked to join the SSRC.

Voted: to accept Marshfield as a new member of the SSRC (unanimous)

Board members discussed inviting Randolph to join the SSRC. Eddie and Claire will work on this.

Claire provided new rate proposals from awarded grinding and screening contractors, and asked if the board would vote to approve an extension of the grind-screen contracts.

Voted: to approve the extension of the current grind-screen contracts (unanimous)

MAC Report

Todd reported that the RDP grant money has not been released. He is working on new MRF meetings in early 2025 and the focus will be on waste reduction, reminding the group that disposal capacity in Mass. is shrinking.

Two Board members noted the need for more food waste collection funding.

Executive Director's Report:

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

Claire noted that the fall HHW collections to date were very busy, with two more in November.

Claire provided an update on the HHW Depot. There had been a delay by MAPC in soliciting quotes for engineering, using the State Contract.. A site visit at the Hanover Transfer Station for potential bidders was completed. However, because an override vote in Hanover failed, all town budgets are being cut and there is a Special Town Meeting article to fund the transfer station

operation with a fee-based enterprise fund. It is almost fully funded through the general Fund now. The SSRC is now looking for alternate sites, which will delay the project.

Claire stated that the Clean Harbors contract should be signed shortly after all issues have been resolved and scheduling dates are finalized.

All proposed legislation related to recycling failed to pass during the formal session. Next session proposals will focus on batteries.

Members agreed to stay with the current meeting dates.

Mike Callender from Clean Ride and David Klaas of Battle Motors spoke about the availability of EV equipment grants to help municipalities to purchase them. They are trying to work out a shared use arrangement for a rear loader with Brockton, which only needs it one day/week, not enough to qualify for a grant. There was much discussion about costs, rebates, grants, weight issues and battery recharge time. They offered to provide free demonstrations. Boston Freight Liner is the State Contract vendor for the equipment. Come 2026, all trucks sold in Mass. will have to be electric.

On behalf of the board, Claire presented Paul Basler with a card and gift bucket of items for his Caribbean vacation upon retirement this week. Members congratulated him and Paul thanked the members of the organization for their help and support.

New business: The Cohasset Recycling and Disposal Facility experienced a serious fire this month. Damage is estimated at \$3 million, including the swap shop “boutique”, some recycling areas and a new loader. With the SSRC’s help, Scituate is allowing Cohasset residents to use its facility until Cohasset can reopen.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2024 at 9 am, at Duxbury Town Hall and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary