



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative December 11, 2024 at Duxbury Town Hall and via Zoom. Delshaune Flipp called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Attendees:

Abington	Eddie Murphy*	Vice-chairman
Braintree	Jeffrey Kunz*	
Cohasset	No attendee	
Duxbury	Norm Smith*	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	Kurt Kelley*	
	Victor Diniak*	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
Hingham	Ashley Sanford*	
	Randy Sylvester*	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
	Paul Basler*	
Marshfield	No attendee	
Norwell	No attendee	
Pembroke	No attendee	
Plymouth	Kerin McCall*	
	James Downey*	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	Chairman
	David Taylor*	
Scituate	No attendee	
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	No attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Black Earth Composting	Conor Miller	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Delshaune led introductions.

Conor Miller of Black Earth Composting spoke about their company and the composting services they provide. Conor provided a PowerPoint presentation (later emailed to the members). In his experience it takes a decade to achieve a 50% participation rate in municipalities. In Mass, disposal is up, capacity is shrinking as landfills close, and waste exports are rising. Composting is less costly than trash incineration at \$75/ton, and provides material that replaces purchased fertilizer. Their current operation handles 350 tons of material each week. They currently have 4 processing sites, 2 in municipalities and 2 on farms. No rodent issues. They are looking for additional sites on the South Shore with 2 acres away from residential areas. Material is composted indoors for 1 week, with a 1% contamination rate.

His company charges individual residents for curbside pickup based on density so rates are lower with more pickups in a small area. RDP grant money may be used to purchase setout containers for residents. Customer setouts beget more customers.

They also offer dropoff facility service with carts, easiest and lowest cost. They can help with outreach.

His company would like to bid on the screening contract.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2024 meeting (unanimous)

Todd spoke about the upcoming RDP spending reports (due 2-15-25) and that communities spending less than 30% of their grant money will be required to complete additional information on plans to spend the funds. Claire offered to email members the changes in RDP for 2025 (they are now using a calendar year).

RDP grant requirements were adjusted for the coming year. Applications are due 6-2-25. Claire will send a summary of the changes. Suggested that towns take screenshots of compliant websites, in case the sites are updated before DEP checks them.

Todd reminded everyone to check their web page to be sure it has the appropriate links such as Recycle Smart. He will review everyone's web site and assist as needed.

Todd is arranging a Municipal Recycling Council meeting on January 30, 2025 at the Kingston Town Hall. More information will be sent out in January.

Claire reported that 2 member towns are switching their trash/recycling programs to an enterprise fund where user fees will increase due to a lack of general funds. Paul Basler, retired DPW superintendent, reported that in Kingston user fees cover 82% of the cost of the solid waste operation.

Hingham is raising fees to cover rising disposal costs, but is not imposing a gate fee.

Duxbury is considering raising its sticker fee and C&D fee.

Hanson raised its bag and sticker fee. Eliminated enterprise fund, didn't raise enough money.

Also going after noncompliant haulers with fines.

Claire asked if there were grants to cover enforcement of solid waste regulations and Todd said there are none. Jean asked if any other communities would be interested in joining forces to hire and pay for an enforcement individual. Plymouth Kingston and Hingham indicated some interest. RDP funds can be used to pay for this.

Executive Director's Report:

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

Claire presented the fall HHW collection summary. She is still looking for greater participation by residents. Batteries remain an issue. She received positive feedback on the collection staff. There will be 6 scheduled events next Spring.

Claire provided an update on the HHW Depot. The SSRC is now looking for alternate sites which will delay the opening date.

There was no new business.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2025 at 9 am, at Plymouth Town Hall and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary