



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative January 29, 2025 via Zoom. Delshaune Flipp called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Attendees:

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| Abington | Eddie Murphy* | Vice-chairman |
| Braintree | No attendee | |
| Cohasset | Ashley Kenney* | |
| Duxbury | No attendee | |
| East Bridgewater | Lynn Lundberg* | |
| Hanover | No attendee | |
| Hanson | Arlene Dias* | Treasurer |
| Hingham | Randy Sylvester* | |
| Hull | No attendee | |
| Kingston | Jean Landis Naumann* | Secretary |
| Marshfield | No attendee | |
| Norwell | No attendee | |
| Pembroke | Sabrina Chilcott* | |
| Plymouth | Kerin McCall* | |
| | James Downey* | |
| Rockland | Delshaune Flipp* | Chairman |
| Scituate | No attendee | |
| Weymouth | Katie McDonald* | |
| Whitman | No attendee | |
| Mass DEP | Todd Koep | |
| SSRC | Claire Galkowski | |

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Delshaune led introductions.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024 meeting (unanimous)

Voted: to approve executive board meeting minutes for August 17, 2023, February 21, 2024, May 6, 2024, August 6, 2024, September 18, 2024, January 9, 2025 (unanimous)

Todd spoke about the upcoming RDP spending reports (due 2-15-25). Communities that have spent less than 30% of their grant money will be required to complete additional information on plans to spend the funds. He and Claire both stated they are available to help with those and the Recycling Data Surveys, and would like to see the reports before they are filed. Private hauler regulations must be enforced to get that point. Claire reviewed the food waste requirements.

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. DEP officials will be present to review RDP and other grants.

Claire will put out an RFP for preferred organic waste vendors. Todd agreed to send a list of CommBuys organic vendors.

Claire reported she is working with Hull on a Zero Waste Day and will promote compost bins.

The group discussed lithium batteries and how to store safely as their fires are too hot to be put out. TerraCycle will be the speaker at the next meeting, and will cover battery safety. It was pointed out that Staples accepts them. The damaged batteries can rupture and are especially dangerous with water. One option is to bury them in sand or vermiculite in a bucket. Jean asked if there is anything available on CommBuys. Claire will research and send us a link.

Jean pointed out that CommBuys is difficult to use and Todd suggested searching through Google at OSD state contract. Todd reminded the group of a DEP webinar 2-25-25 that will discuss batteries.

Executive Director's Report:

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

After some discussion of the grinding/screening contract, Claire agreed to send out the spreadsheets and updated contracts.

Claire stated she is waiting for vendor information to complete her survey.

The HHW depot is in limbo. MAPC still has the money despite notice of rescission due to lack of progress. MAPC is awaiting confirmation of site commitment from Hanover. Claire is working on this. Todd is aware of the situation.

Claire stated she is planning to retire in 2 years.

There was no new business.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2025 at 9 am, at Thayer Library in Braintree and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary