



**SOUTH SHORE  
RECYCLING  
COOPERATIVE**

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**Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative March 12, 2025 at Thayer Library in Braintree and via Zoom. Delshaune Flipp called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.**

**Attendees:**

<b>Abington</b>	Eddie Murphy*	<b>Vice-chairman</b>
<b>Braintree</b>	Jeff Kunz*	
<b>Cohasset</b>	Ashley Kenney*	
<b>Duxbury</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>East Bridgewater</b>	Lynn Lundberg*	
<b>Hanover</b>	Victor Diniak*	
<b>Hanson</b>	Arlene Dias*	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Hingham</b>	Ashley Sanford*	
<b>Hull</b>	Rachel Gerold	
<b>Kingston</b>	Jean Landis Naumann*	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Marshfield</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Norwell</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Pembroke</b>	Sabrina Chilcott*	
	Angela Sestito*	
<b>Plymouth</b>	Kerin McCall*	
	James Downey*	
<b>Rockland</b>	Delshaune Flipp*	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Scituate</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Weymouth</b>	Bob O'Connor*	
<b>Whitman</b>	<b>No attendee</b>	
<b>Mass DEP</b>	Todd Koep	
<b>SSRC</b>	Claire Galkowski	
<b>Complete Recycling Services</b>	Jeff Cabral	

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

Delshaune led introductions.

Jeff Cabral of TerraCycle (fka Complete Recycling Solutions), spoke about his company They were established in 2002, and bought by TerraCycle in 2023. TerraCycle handles electronic and universal waste including batteries, fluorescent bulbs and mercury containing items. Jeff showed a picture of a well-organized battery and bulb shed, with items sorted neatly into labeled containers, demonstrating what a safe universal waste shed looks like. They can provide sorting/storing services in their hourly rate. He recommends that municipalities maintain orderly sheds with labeled containers, shelving, gloves, a dustpan and brush to clean up broken bulbs. Labels should state the contents and starting date. He recommended having a bucket of vermiculite handy in which to bury damaged batteries to reduce the chance of fires. A spill kit for mercury is mandatory and can be purchased or obtained for free through SEMASS.

**Voted: to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2025 meeting (unanimous)**

Claire presented the draft schedule of meeting dates and locations for comment. There was one change of 11/26 to 11/19.

Todd spoke about grant preparation. There will be big changes for next year. He can respond to questions in April but questions to DEP must be submitted in writing (form online) and will be answered in May. He reminded everyone that all grants are competitive and never guaranteed. Revenue from grants should not be included in any department budget. Claire has posted a list of the changes. She reminded member towns to periodically check their websites to be sure all required links are there.

There was a brief discussion of the problem with nip bottle littering and no where to recycle them.

Claire had not yet released the bid for a curbside food waste preferred vendor, as it was more complex than anticipated. There are only 2 vendors serving this area, Black Earth Compost and Bootstrap Compost. It was noted that RecycleWorks, which also provides food waste management, does not return inquiries. There are a few different RDP grant point possibilities for organic waste management, including selling compost bins. Several towns present expressed interest.

Claire reported she is working with Hull on a Zero Waste Day and will promote compost bins and kitchen scrap bins by pre-order.

Claire led a discussion on the HHW Depot planning. Grants are back on track and quick action is necessary. All engineering work needs to be completed by October to be covered by one of the grants. She requested an advisory committee for the engineering and later implementation. Eddie and Ashley Sanford volunteered. Claire is preparing the inter-municipal agreement to be signed by all participating towns by July 15.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Claire recommended that all review the most recent SSRC Newsletter.

This year's HHW flyers are now available. Claire handed out some and will email the flyer to all member towns to be printed locally, and will mail hard copies to COAs. They are available in English and Portuguese. Online registration opens March 17.

Claire stated she is planning to retire within 2 years.

There was no new business.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2025 at 9 am, at East Bridgewater Town Hall and on Zoom.

Adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann, Secretary