



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative June 4, 2025, Kingston Town Hall and via Zoom.

Approved July 23, 2025

Attendees:

Abington	Eddie Murphy*	FY25 Vice Chair/FY26 Chair
Braintree	no attendee	
Cohasset	no attendee	
Duxbury	no attendee	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	no attendee	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
Hingham	Ashley Sanford*	
Hull	no attendee	
Kingston	Jean Landis Naumann*	FY25 Secretary
	David O'Connell	
	Vanessa Verkade	
Marshfield	no attendee	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
Pembroke	Joe Daiute	
Plymouth	James Downey*	
	Ken Stone	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	FY25 Chair/FY26 Vice Chairman
Scituate	no attendee	
Weymouth	no attendee	
Whitman	no attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
MassOSD	Trish Burke, Kelly Minichiello	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Chair Delshaune Flipp called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and led introductions.

Presentation: Trish Burke, the Local Government Enablement Account Manager for the **Mass. Operational Services Division** (MassOSD) provided a primer about how municipalities can use State Contracts. MassOSD conducts 30B public procurements on behalf of government entities.

There are 1200 vendors on over 100 contracts. Municipalities can save time and money by using the contracts. Details on each contract are on the CommBuys site at <https://www.commbuys.com/>. Of most interest to solid waste managers are the contracts for Hazardous and Universal Waste (FAC110), Carts and Bins (FAC1131), PAYT bag (FAC86), Mattress Recycling (FAC90), Disaster Debris Management (PSE02) and Environmentally Preferable Products (see www.mass.gov/doc/environmentally-preferable-products-and-services-guide/download).

Municipal agencies can contact the OSD Help Desk at 888-627-8283.

Each contract has a Contract User Guide. To initiate a purchase, contact the vendor contact listed in the User Guide, if different from the usual sales contact. Towns may negotiate with vendors for lower pricing, and should not sign a contract that doesn't reference the State Contract.

OSD will provide a more in-depth presentation at an upcoming Municipal Recycling Council meeting.

The presentation can be viewed at <https://ssrcoop.info/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/MassOSD-Presentation-June-2025.pdf>.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2025 meeting (unanimous)

EBoard Election: Nominating Committee chair Ashley Sanford presented the following slate for the next year's Executive Board election:

- Chair - current Vice Chair Eddie Murphy (Abington)
- Vice Chair – current Chair Deshaune Flipp (Rockland)
- Treasurer – current Treasurer Arlene Dias (Hanson)
- Secretary.- Rachel Gerold (Hull)

Voted: to elect the slate of Nominees as the next Executive Board (unanimous)

The new EBoard is effective immediately following the vote, according to the Bylaws.

FY26 Budget: The previous EBoard presented the proposed FY26 Budget, found at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w6l9RTLtgjSfJfuQwucOK-VXNyEy-uU8zRv7GxWx6k/edit?usp=sharing>. ED Galkowski reviewed the FY25 income and expenses and each proposed line item. The EBoard recommended a 5% salary adjustment for Galkowski, and a \$1000 bonus from the FY25 budget as provided in her employment agreement for bringing in a new Member Town.

Voted: to approve the FY26 Budget as proposed (unanimous)

HHW load limit policy: Galkowski noted that a few residents had been delivering very large loads to some of our Household Hazardous Waste collections, several from visiting towns at which their municipal officials were not present. Ms. Dias reported that largest load cost Hanson \$1500, which is a significant portion of their HHW budget. SSRC staff questions the deliverers of the large loads as to their source, but needs a formal policy to require co-payment or turn them away. Galkowski reviewed some options for limits with cost and frequency data. After

discussion, a motion was made to limit Town-subsidized quantities to one visit per season, and two Full Load Equivalents (FLEs). This spring, 2 FLEs is up to 50 gallons of liquid or 50 lbs of solids this spring. Beginning in the fall under the new Clean Harbors contract, the proposed limit will be up to 50 gallons of liquids or 100 lbs of solids. Additional quantities will require resident copayments.

Voted: to limit subsidized quantities of household hazardous waste to 2 Full Load Equivalents per household per season as proposed (unanimous)

HHW Depot update: MAPC just released a third bid for engineering work on the HHW Depot. No companies indicated that they would attend a site visit set for today. We may need to attempt a sole-source procurement if no bids are received as a last resort.

Executive Director's Report: Galkowski recommended that all review last week's [SSRC Updates](#).

The format of the Clean Harbors FY26 HHW Service Agreements was finally agreed upon. Galkowski will send out agreements to all fall event host Towns for signature this month. Please don't delay in signing and returning, to ensure service at the events.

Galkowski will be on vacation: 6/23-6/25 and 8/11-8/15.

New business: Mr. Downey indicated that Plymouth would be interested in the Curbside Food Waste Preferred Vendor contract with Black Earth Compost.

Mr. Koep noted that Towns will need to adopt a new Environmental Preferable Product policy to update their Buy Recycled Policies in order to qualify for next year's MassDEP SMRP/RDP grants.. DEP will host a webinar about it on June 17 from 2-4 pm. This year's RDP grant requests were down from last year, due to grant changes and reduced points. The value of the funding source (Waste Energy Credits) has declined. Start thinking of ways to beef up programs now to get next year's RDP awards up.

Several of our towns applied for paint sheds.

Next meeting set for July 23, 2025, Rockland Town Hall/Zoom

Adjourn at 10:31.

Submitted by Claire Galkowski, Executive Director