



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative October 15, 2025 Abington Town Hall 2nd Fl and via Zoom.

Attendees:

Abington	Chris Schultz*	
Braintree	Jeff Kunz*	
Cohasset	no attendee	
Duxbury	no attendee	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	no attendee	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
Hingham	Lance Mortland*	
Hull	Rachel Gerold*	Secretary
Kingston	Jean Landis Naumann*	
Marshfield	no attendee	
Norwell	no attendee	
Pembroke	no attendee	
Plymouth	James Downey*	Chairman
	Ken Stone	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	Vice Chairman
Scituate	no attendee	
Weymouth	no attendee	
Whitman	no attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Clean Harbors	Eric Feroldi, Donna Ayer	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Chair James Downey called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM and led introductions.

Presentation: Donna Ayer and Eric Feroldi spoke about Clean Harbors' services.

Started 1980 in MA as an emergency response company at their headquarters in Norwell, MA., CH now operates over 20,000 well-maintained vehicles in all 50 States, Canada (9 Provinces), Mexico and Puerto Rico. They have 9 field locations in New England.

They offer a broad range of services including end-to-end hazardous waste management, emergency spill response, cleaning and maintenance, oil re-refining and blending services, and PFAS destruction. They responded to the 9/11/2001 attach and the recent LA wildfire.

CH has a strong safety culture and starts every event by giving a safety moment. Always make sure tires and windshield wipers are in good condition. All staff have “stop work” authority if they have a safety concern.

They can run up to 7 Household Hazardous Waste days at once in our area with an average of 24 staff per event, and work at increasing participation and education via handouts with links to the municipal site.

They have multiple partnerships with South Shore Hospital, National Grid and Eversource, Emergency Response teams, DPWs and transfer stations. Community engagement includes tours and Touch a Truck events.

Executive Director Galkowski noted that CH has been good to work with throughout the first four HHW events they run for our Member Towns last month.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the 9/2/25 meeting (unanimous)

Grinding-screening IFB: tabled. None present have been using the current contracts.

Damaged Lithium, Li Ion battery management: Staples accepts intact batteries of all types up to D size. Terminals should be taped. Call2Recycle sells buckets with fire suppressant and mailback labels at \$200. Staff should be trained in their handling. RDP funds may be used. They can hold up to 11 lbs of damaged or defective batteries. Residents with damaged, swollen or defective Li and Li Ion batteries should seal in a Ziploc bag with dry kitty litter.

MAC report: Todd presenting and in person meeting on 10/28/25 in Kingston about grants and grant prep. At a recent NERC conference, David Allaway of OR DEQ pointed out that environmental considerations beyond recycling should inform EPR policies. He was impressed with Dyvert Recycling’s indoor recycling lids that use real life objects to indicate what is recyclable. Ideal for schools. \$60-80 each.

Plymouth Swap Shop update: Up and running. The DPW and new Recycling Committee are running it with over 40 volunteers. Open Saturdays 9am-12pm and over 100 people per day have come so far.

HHW depot update: Engineering work underway and moving along.

Curbside food waste collection update: Claire spoke about BEC promotion on town websites. The Hull BOH is providing starter kits to the first 84 residents that sign up. Rockland is interested in participating. East Bridgewater is ready to post on their website. It was noted that Black Earth Compost does most of the outreach and other work.

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

Legislation: A few product stewardship bills advanced out of the Environment Committee to House and/or Senate Ways and Means. EPR Commission is drafting recommendations to the legislature.

New business: None

Executive Session: The board went into executive session to discuss the extension of the Household Hazardous Waste contract with Clean Harbors through FY27.

Executive Session minutes are separate.

Next meeting set for Nov. 19th 2025, Norwell Town Hall/Zoom

Adjourn at 10:26AM.

Submitted by Rachel Gerold, Secretary