



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative November 19, 2025 Willcutt Commons, Cohasset and via Zoom.

Attendees:

Abington	Chris Schultz*	
Braintree	Jeff Kunz*	
Cohasset	Carol Steinfeld, RC	
Duxbury	no attendee	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	no attendee	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
Hingham	Lance Mortland*	
	Ashley Broyer*	
Hull	no attendee	
Kingston	Jean Landis Naumann*	
Marshfield	no attendee	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane*	
Pembroke	no attendee	
Plymouth	James Downey*	Chairman
	Kerin McCall*	
	Ken Stone	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	Vice Chairman
Scituate	no attendee	
Weymouth	no attendee	
Whitman	no attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
	Becky Ferguson	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

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

Presentation: Becky Ferguson, MassDEP, Environmentally Preferable Purchasing policies

Instead of the Buy Recycled Policy memos, the policies themselves need to be updated to Environmentally Preferable (EPP) or Sustainable Purchasing policies by June 1 to qualify for

DEP SMRP grants. Rationale: Collective, statewide purchasing can have a positive effect on reducing waste volumes and costs. “Flex your purchasing muscles”.

MassOSD has an EPP program, with State Contracts for hundreds of products and services. Examples include office supplies and paper, lighting, cleaning supplies, and IT equipment.

Template policies and guidelines are posted on MassDEP’s site. Must at a minimum: 1. Commit to use EPP list; 2. Prioritize reuse, donation, and durable products; and 3. Require recycled content.

Run the draft policy by her to ensure compliance before passing, then upload to ReTrac.

October minutes: Put Executive Session notes in a separate document. **Voted: to approve the minutes of the 10/15/25 meeting. (unanimous)**

Grinding-screening IFB: Hingham, Kingston and Weymouth indicated a desire to rebid before the meeting. **Voted: rebid the brush grinding and compost screening contracts.**

MAC report: RDP grants were just awarded, letters sent. Towns that didn’t comply with MBTA Zoning were not awarded... There will be SE3 meeting for Recycling Coordinators/ Committees on 1/21/25. One attendee per municipality. Issues to be discussed include working together to address lack of competition for solid waste contracts.

He will be providing EPP Policy help Dec, Jan.

Data Surveys, RDP Spending reports due 2/15/25, need to submit to qualify for grants.

HHW depot update: Some slow progress. Next steps: Hanover/SSRC IMA, final engineering.

SSRC Meeting locations: Claire noted that meeting in different locations is a challenge for doing hybrid meetings, since the tech is different in each town. Narrow down locations to 3? Yes. Claire will narrow it down to 3. Plymouth is already booked for 1/7/26.

Speaker/sponsor suggestions? Recycling service providers; WM. A Plus Recycling (food waste composting)? Set up a tour. Invite Recycling Committees.

AI meeting notes? Todd noted they are about 85% accurate, improving. Not allowed by State and some towns in raw form. OK to use for reference in composing minutes. Notify attendees at beginning of meeting.

Food waste discussion: Hingham has a large food waste bin at the HS, and DPW is paying for pickup. May expand access to other schools, residents eventually. Kingston is in its 3rd year of food waste collection at TS, serviced by Black Earth. RDP funds may be used to pay for 2 more years. Not sure of future funding. Asked Todd to advocate for extension of this timeframe... Find out how Rockport incorporates food waste with its yard waste. ... DEP is considering extending the food waste disposal ban to all commercial, and eventually to all residential.

Executive Director’s Report: Executive Director’s Report:

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Website redesign is progressing well. Showed the draft Home Page.

Curbside food waste collection update: will start regional publicity when a few more towns put the info on their websites.

Public comments: Ms. Steinfeld asked where recycling goes, and to clarify what contamination is. See RDP, Data reports on the DEP website. Claire Galkowski can provide more details, contact her.

New business: none.

Next meeting set for Jan. 7, 2026, Plymouth TH/Zoom

Adjourned at 10:21.

Submitted by Claire Galkowski, Executive Director