



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative April 1, 2026 Willcutt Commons Cohasset, MA and via Zoom.

Attendees:

Abington	no attendee	
Braintree	Jeff Kunz*	
Cohasset	Brian Joyce*	
	Frank Marchione	
Duxbury	Blair Crane*	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	no attendee	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
Hingham	Ashley Broyer*	
	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	
	Kerin McCall*	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	Vice Chairman
Scituate	no attendee	
Weymouth	no attendee	
Whitman	no attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

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

Speaker/sponsor: **Larry O'Connor**, the President of [Bay State Books](#), presented an update on their book donation bins program, which collects books and other media at recycling centers across the region. They purchased Discover Books, and now operate throughout New England and NY. The company's warehouse location moved to North Smithfield, Rhode Island in 2022.

BSB maintains bins at transfer stations and libraries across the South Shore, paying 3¢/lb quarterly for SSRC towns. They accept all types of books, CDs, DVDs, video games, and even older formats like 8-tracks and VHS tapes. Usable items are sold or donated to prison programs, others are recycled. They provide weight reports for grant purposes upon request. The program currently covers most but not all SSRC towns.

Contact Larry at larry@baystatebooks.com or 617-203-1797.

Voted: to approve the minutes of the 02/18/2026 meeting (**unanimous**)

HHW Depot update: The Hanover Select Board approved, and its Town Manager signed the Intergovernmental Agreement with SSRC. SSRC has not signed the agreement yet. The board voted to sign the agreement (**unanimous**)

Additionally the board discussed options for continuing to fund the engineering as the MAPC grant has ended. Construction may require additional funds, based on Coneco Engineers' preliminary budget. Hingham would be willing to host a DEP SMRP grant.

DEP MAC report: Todd Koep: Grants opened as of April 1st. Todd presented upcoming grant opportunities and training sessions, including an annual SMRP (Sustainable Materials Recycling Program) grant webinar and RDP (Recycling Dividends Program) workshop in Nowell. Newton's Waneta Trabert will discuss the EPR Toolkit at that workshop as well. Claire also pointed out that items claimed for the CHARM point must be listed on the Beyond the Bin and municipal web pages.

FY27 meeting dates: The board reviewed proposed meeting dates for fiscal year 2027, rotating among three venues every six weeks. Schedule voted on (**unanimous**)

Executive Director's Report: Claire provided updates on new radio ads on WATD promoting proper recycling practices and discussed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) initiatives.

New business: Conversation surrounding N2O whippets, Kratom, and propane tank pick up issues.

East Bridgewater just switched from WM to Republic for curbside pickup, and will start charging fees for recycling Center access and asked for guidance on controlling access. Rockland's Delshaune offered to help.

Towns that aren't compliant with the MBTA Zoning requirement are ineligible for DEP sMRP and RDP grants.

Next meeting set for May 13th, 2026, Plymouth Town Hall/ zoom

Adjourn at 10:28 AM.

Submitted by Rachel Gerold, Secretary