



**SOUTH SHORE  
RECYCLING  
COOPERATIVE**

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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative May 13, 2026 Plymouth Town Hall, 26 Court St., Plymouth MA and via Zoom.

Attendees:

Abington	no attendee	
Braintree	Jeff Kunz*	
Cohasset	Traci Connors*	
Duxbury	no attendee	
East Bridgewater	Lynn Lundberg*	
Hanover	Kurt Kelley *	
	Brian Rodick	
Hanson	Arlene Dias*	Treasurer
Hingham	Ashley Broyer*	
	Lance Mortland*	
	Pat Burke	
Hull	Rachel Gerold*	Secretary
Kingston	Jean Landis Naumann*	
Marshfield	no attendee	
Norwell	Shane Gokey	
Pembroke	Sabrina Chilcott	
Plymouth	James Downey*	Chairman
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	Vice Chairman
	Chris Schultz	
Scituate	no attendee	
Weymouth	no attendee	
Whitman	no attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
Excel Recycling	Mark Belmarsh	

(\*Appointed Board Representatives)

James Downey, chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and led introductions.

The unexpected passing of Norwell Health Agent Ben Margro was noted with remembrances and a moment of silence.

**Speaker/sponsor:** Mark Belmarsh, the Buyer for Excel Recycling, spoke about Excel's scrap metal recycling services in Westport. He first shared that the facility had recently had a fire ignited by a lithium ion battery and emphasized that those must be kept out of the metal bins.

Towns can receive higher payments if they separate the copper and aluminum, which have high values, from the ferrous metals. Thefts of those metals are becoming more common, so keep the site secure. Densify the loads as much as possible. They are paying as much as 25c/lb for lead acid batteries now. Propane tanks are also a fire hazard, so they only accept them if they have been de-valved.

**Voted:** to approve the minutes of the 04/01/2026 meeting (unanimous)

**EBoard Nominating Committee:** Chairman Downey appointed Lynn Lundberg to lead the Executive Board Nominating Committee. Elections will take place at the June 24 meeting. The current members expressed a willingness to continue serving, and former Secretary Jean Landis Naumann indicated that she could run for Vice Chair. The Nominating Committee will poll the Board for interest.

Chairman James Downey presented outgoing Vice Chair **Delshaune Flipp** with an appreciation plaque. She served as SSRC's Chair and Vice Chair since 2024, and is retiring from her position as Rockland's Health Agent. Delshaune has been active on the Board for many years and took great pride in managing Rockland's solid waste program and Recycling Center.

**DEP MAC report:** Todd Koep, who has served us as our MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator for ten years, announced that he would be leaving his position at the end of June. He reminded the managers that the DEP grant applications are due on June 1. Make sure that updated Sustainable Purchasing Policies, a new requirement, are signed by TM and approved by Becky Ferguson at DEP.

**HHW Depot update – IMAs:** Claire Galkowski still awaits a pricing proposal from Clean Harbors for the operation of the planned Household Hazardous Waste Depot. Once she has a sense of those and of insurance costs, she will distribute an intermunicipal agreement for the Participating Municipalities to sign.

**Award HHW Depot Engineering contract:** Director Galkowski had put out a request for quotes to complete the unfinished engineering work and oversee construction of the Household Hazardous Waste Depo to several firms. Coneco Engineers and Scientists submitted the only quote, which was very well done. References were glowing. They had done the initial work on the project under a contract with MAPC, but circumstances beyond their control had prevented them from completing it before MAPC's grant expired. The Board voted unanimously to award the contract, valued at up to \$60,000, to Coneco.

**Executive Director's Report:** Galkowski urged the Board to read the recently published SSRC News. HHW host service agreements for the fall events will be distributed soon, please sign and return. She reviewed propane tank collection options and polled the board to see who was having service issues.

**Public comments:** None

**New business:** Director Galkowski will be retiring next winter. Succession planning was discussed.

Next meeting is set for June 24, 2026, Hanson Town Hall/Zoom

Adjourn at 10:09

Submitted by Rachel Gerold, Secretary