



**SOUTH SHORE
RECYCLING
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Meeting of the South Shore Recycling Cooperative, November 3, 2021, In-person and Virtual

To be approved

Kevin Cafferty called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Attendees:

Town

Abington	No attendee	
Braintree	Jeff Kunz*	
	Rosemary Nolan*	
Cohasset	Merle Brown - Appointee	
Duxbury	No attendee	
East Bridgewater	Rob Kenn*	
Hanover	No attendee	
Hanson	No attendee	
Hingham	Randy Sylvester*	
	Matthew Cahill*	
Hull	No attendee	
Kingston	Jean Landis Naumann*	Secretary
Middleboro	No attendee	
Norwell	Vicky Spillane – Recycling Committee Appointee*	
Pembroke	No attendee	
Plymouth	No attendee	
Rockland	Delshaune Flipp*	
Scituate	Kevin Cafferty*	Chairman
	Sean McCarthy – DPW Assistant Director*	
Weymouth	No attendee	
Whitman	No attendee	
Mass DEP	Todd Koep	
SSRC	Claire Galkowski	
ReCollect	Meghan Vidakovic	

(*Appointed Board Representatives)

Meghan Vidakovic of ReCollect spoke about the software program they sell that can assist communities to educate and connect with community residents on what, how, when and why to recycle. They are able to customize the software for each community and offer a mobile application. The software can send email blasts and collect data on how often people access the program and the types of information they are seeking. This can reduce the need for printed material which can quickly become outdated. It can also reduce the number of telephone inquiries. A few member towns are using the software and find it very helpful. The cost is a serious consideration for towns.

There was a discussion and agreement that Claire should solicit bids for a grinding/screening contract. The minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting were approved.

Claire presented a spreadsheet of income and expenses to date that shows the organization is on track to adhere to the approved budget.

Todd spoke to the new rules effective 11/1/2022 impacting mattresses and textiles, and food waste. More details are forthcoming. Todd is urging municipalities to develop the infrastructure needed to support these new regulations.

Under Town Issues, the members discussed the recent power outage issue and the effect on the operation of transfer stations. The cost of generators is high. Todd will forward our request to have generators included in future grant announcements.

Hingham has identified alternate sites for storm-related yard waste to reduce the impact on the transfer station. Claire and Todd will work with John Fisher at the state to share storm preparation guidelines. John could also be asked to speak at a future meeting of the SSRC.

Rosemary presented Claire with a flower bouquet in recognition of her 23 years as executive director. Other members shared praise for all of Claire's work over the years to improve recycling and reduce waste disposal costs for the member towns.

Executive Director Report

Commodity prices are good and Claire will share the information with the member towns.

The Newsletter has been published and has many information articles.

Please contact Claire to schedule an on-site visit – she may be able to find ways to reduce costs for waste disposal.

Paul filmed a PSA with PACTV recently and Jean will film another one on November 12.

Claire presented an update on Producer Pay legislation. Three bills are pending that address mattresses, paint, and packaging and printed paper. Passage would result in towns being reimbursed for their disposal costs by the producers of the material, or having producers pay for pickup and processing directly. Claire is also asking for support of the Producer Responsibility municipal resolution. There are currently 27 endorsing organizations, including the MMA.

Todd announced the next Municipal Recycling Council meeting on 12/8/21 will focus on the changes to the RDP grant. He will send out the link for this Zoom meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 15 in the Kingston Town House where Zoom is also available.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM.

Submitted by Jean Landis Naumann

