

COSC appointments- Claire attends meetings, and is available to be an alternate for any town that needs one. Whitman requested her to represent as alternate.

NRRA is paying \$110/ton for scrap metal, 603-798-5777

Marshfield Fair- recycling programs successful, collected 5 tons of OCC, bottles and cans, captured most of it. Lottery recycled 15 tons of scratch tickets.

Grant application- applied for DEP Waste Reduction grant to do outreach on the cost of paper that is wasted, and paper shredding events.

Collection contracts that expire June 06- start reviewing RFPs now

SWANA/MassRecycle Conference – Several of our managers attended, good feedback

Bottle Bill – Hearing is 10/18; SSRC Board has voted to support expansion, deposit increase; Claire will write testimony and testify

New Business: Mr. Herrmann reported that eagle B&C weighs redeemables, Hanover is collecting 0.75 tons/week.

Next mtgs: Oct. 19, Hingham TH, November 16, Cohasset.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire L. Sullivan, Executive Director

Legend:

MRF – Material Recovery Facility

FY – fiscal year

HHP – household hazardous product

RFP – request for proposals

DARP – Department Approved Recycling Program

DEP – Dept. of Environmental Protection

OCC – old corrugated cardboard

COSC – Council of SEMASS Communities

NRRA – Northeast Resource Recovery Association

SWANA – Solid waste Ass'n of North America

B&C - bottles and cans



**SSRC MSW Manager Breakfast Forum Minutes
9/21/2005, 9:00 am, Whitman Town Hall**

Accepted 10/26/05

Present: Abington: Michelle Roberts*; Cohasset: Merle Brown*; Hanover: Victor Diniak*, Steve Herrmann*; Holbrook: Ken Brown*, Michael Yunits; Plymouth: Kerin Berry; Whitman: Tom Burnett*, Al Scoglio*, Frank Lynam

East Bridgewater: John Haines, David Walsh; **Mass. DEP:** Rosemary Nolan; FCR-Casella: Shaunna Schiller, Susan Millett; Covanta SEMASS: Joanne Qamoos; SSRC: Claire Sullivan

*appointed Board members

Chairman Merle Brown called the meeting to order at 9:15.

Shaunna Schiller and Susan Millett described the services of **FCR-Casella**, which operates material recovery facilities (MRFs) in Charlestown and Auburn. FCR accepts mixed curbside recyclables, and rebates towns directly for the value of the paper based on the Yellow Sheet. They will work creatively with towns to serve needs, e.g. loaned money for baler to Blackstone, which collects and sorts commingled at curb in house. Their recycling center now serves neighboring towns.

They encouraged towns to bid the collection and processing of recyclables separately from the trash, as they would like to provide that service as a stand alone. Multitown bids could reduce pricing, still receive separate rebates and reporting. They will forward contract language.

FCR would like to invest in single-stream collection and processing equipment, since that collection method nets more material. In that system, paper, cardboard, bottles and cans are all put in a single container. Contamination can be a problem at startup, but education and enforcement result in an acceptable 3-7% residuals.

Minutes: Mr. Herrmann moved that the 8/17/05 minutes be accepted as written, Mr. Ken Brown seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Herrmann presented the proposed FY06 Budget to the Board. Mr. Ken Brown moved that it be accepted as presented, Ms. Roberts seconded, budget passed unanimously.

HHP RFP: Ms. Sullivan will release a draft RFP for the FY07-FY08 HHP collection contract to eight potential bidders for comment this week, and intends to release the final draft on Oct. 3. Changes she proposed to the contract include the acceptance of clean waste oil and quantities less than ½ gallon at no charge, and a minimum to keep costs down and encourage larger events. Should we eliminate the drum rate option? It is difficult to monitor, and resulted in large increases when Clean Harbors bought Safety Kleen due to different packing practices. Yes.

Ms. Roberts, Mr. Burnett and Mr. Herrmann volunteered to review the RFP and the proposals.

Continue radio ads? Budgeted \$12K; Board comments: Abington and Weymouth reported increased compost bin sales during spring campaign; advertising is important, but difficult to quantitate; put on 3 stations again; cable TV PSAs, call Lou Russo, Comcast Govt Affairs. Claire will draft a plan and budget for next meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

New DARP Criteria- Current DARP status has been extended to June 30 2006; DEP is soliciting feedback on proposed new requirements municipality's program must meet. DARP status enables a municipality's loads delivered to disposal facilities to be exempt from enforcement actions due to waste ban inspection failure. There are separate requirements for curbside and drop-off programs. Claire attended meeting, made comments, handed out proposed criteria, which will be finalized in early November. New criteria include acceptance of OCC, mixed paper, plastic #1-7, yard waste ordinance, and annual mailer.