



SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes

November 14, 2007, Duxbury Senior Center

Sponsored by Duxbury DPW; Accepted 12/13/2007

Members present: Abington: Michelle Roberts*, Cohasset: Merle Brown*; Duxbury: Tom Daley*, Ed Vickers*, Bruce O'Neil, Chris Smythe; **Hanover:** Steve Herrmann*; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester*; **Holbrook:** Tom Cummings*; **Marshfield:** Debbie Sullivan*; **Rockland:** Janice McCarthy*; **Whitman:** Eric Badger*;
Greg Smith, **Cape Cod Commission**; Janine Delaney, **MassDEP**; Claire Sullivan **Ex. Dir., SSRC**

* Appointed Board Members

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 12:10.

Greg Smith, Cape Cod Commission Urban Planner discussed initiatives on the Cape for regional disposal planning and contracting. He is gathering to consider alternatives for disposal before or after Over past 2 years, he has put together a committee of leaders from all Cape towns to consider long term SW options. There is interest in broadening scope of options. Their current low rate (Tier 1) contracts expire in 2014-05. Most are paying SEMASS \$37.51/ton. (no Tier one town reps from SSRC were present); most towns present have contracts that will expire about then.

Much state waste is exported (1.6M TPY); capacity deficit is only 1.1 TPY; Mass. disposal capacity is currently 3.2M tons per year (TPY) waste-to-energy (WTE), 2.2 M TPY landfill (LF).

Fourteen Cape towns dispose 133K TPY, 39 SS towns 225K TPY. Combined total is 32% of SEMASS' capacity. 29 communities' contracts expire 2013-15.

Committee is looking at 2 things; **does it make sense for Tier one and other contract towns to collectively break contract, pay more short term, less long term?** Considering either new SEMASS contract before 2016, or renegotiate with alternative disposal providers. The Cape towns will meet first in December;

\$87/ton is current market rate; Tier one towns pay \$23-\$40/ton. Covanta is losing money on them.

What are pros and cons of collaborating on a Cape Cod/ South Shore disposal contract?

- empowers towns to get concessions if they break contracts, lower long term rate;
- will require political will
- difficult to convene many towns
- disposal costs are not going down; collaboration will result in long term cost savings
- better to negotiate with more towns; TransRiver may try to pick them off one by one (Covanta's marketing arm)

COSC is a forum that can be used; Steering Committee in place. Towns must check local bylaws w/ respect to regional contracting; there are legal issues, contracts are complex, need attorney; anticipate it will take 2+years.

What is Bourne ISWMF lifespan? About 16 years as is; Most viable disposal option is most likely Covanta; other options are Seneca, Casella, Bourne; Taunton (ARI).

Would we need to form a district? Probably a duplicate contract for each town, no IMA needed; request new 20 year contract as a group. Tier one towns are key, anticipates rates in \$68-70 range; w/o collaboration, probably high \$80s, all towns would be the same. Doubtful there would be penalty for early withdrawal.

Chairman Brown directed Mr. Smith to pursue through Ex. Dir. Sullivan, keep Tier One towns in the loop.

Approve October minutes : to accept as written, Mr. Herrmann seconded; AIF

Rename, broaden scope of Legislative Breakfast, Environmental Hero Award: Rockland Radisson, March 21; Ms. Roberts moved that we keep event title as is, change award to “Recycling Hero Award” . Mr. Sylvester seconded. AIF

Executive Director’s Report:

- Rudy Childs in hospital; cancer, successful surgery, caught pneumonia; is ok, not sure when out; send card from SSRC Board

Mass Recycles Paper Kickoff tomorrow; SSRC will be recognized

Reminder-IMA Extension, TM Article placeholder; Board directed her to send memo to TMs

Donation from Covanta at SEMASS; \$600 received

HHP collection summary (handout)

Battery management review – see ssrc.info/how/Oddball_waste.htm

CEF Bill hearing , UBB hearing – testified at both. Most optimistic about favorable report on Updated Bottle Bill than at any time in the eight years attending hearings. Chairman Morrissey asked questions about effect on munis.

MassRecycle Award – Member of the Year.

BeadForLife – Ms. Roberts had requested that we consider at meeting. Saw on Oprah. Beads are made by cooperatives of poor women in Uganda from recycled paper, lacquered, made into colorful necklaces and bracelets. Passed around samples, product and ordering information.

1:45 **New Business**

Next mtg: Thurs., Dec 13, Hanover Town Hall; Thurs, Jan 17, Scituate?

Submitted by Claire Sullivan, Executive Director

FY08 SSRC proposed Meeting speakers/hosts

✓Sept. - Bay State Textile (host)*, Got Books (host), Eagle Bottle and Can (invited)

✓Oct. - Craig Lovett, **Capital Paper Recycling**

Nov*. - ✓ Greg Smith, Cape Cod Commission - **Regional Disposal Contract planning**

Bead For Life (not speaker, poor African women make recycled paper beads) - Michelle Roberts requested; Cohasset bag lady?

Dec*. - Jim Binder, Alternative Resources - **Taunton plans**

✓Jan/Feb - Jim Conlon, **Old Colony Scrap**, Taunton -Joanne Dirk suggested he call SSRC

✓Mar *- Phil Goddard/ Brent Goins, **Bourne ISWMF**

✓Apr - Andrew DeVincenzo, **Electronics Recyclers Inc.**, Gardner

✓May - Roger Furtado, **Pond View C&D**, East Providence (offered Clambake; works with Champion City) - Tom Daley recommended

June - New England Recycling

* Sponsored by Bay State Textile

MassRecycle received a quote for a re-order of roughly 10,000 stickers (Recycle & Yard Waste). As you may remember, we received a sticker grant the last time. Since MassRecycle will be doing the ordering without a grant, the price will increase.

With that said, each sticker will cost between 44 to 50 cents (which includes our 3-cent administrative fee). Thus costing \$44 to \$50 per pack (1 pack = 100 stickers).

If I get more orders for more than 10,000 stickers (Recycle & Yard Waste) we can drive the price down even more. There is also a cost savings in the shipping. If you ordered through the vendor, there is a \$50 delivery fee. MassRecycle can beat that!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED: email me ASAP or go to http://www.massrecycle.org/sticker_form_mu.html to do a preliminary order.

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