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SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes

December 13, 2007, Hanover Town Hall

Sponsored by Electronic Recyclers, Inc.; Accepted 1/7/2008

Members present: **Abington:** Susan Brennan*, Michelle Roberts*, Ann Welch; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown*, Arthur Lehr*; **Hanover:** Steve Herrmann*; **Hanson:** Deborah Brownell*; **Marshfield:** Bob Griffin*, Debbie Sullivan*; **Norwell:** Joanne M Dirk*, Norm Thoms*; **Plymouth:** Kerin McCall*; **Rockland:** Rudy Childs*; **Whitman:** Eric Badger*;

Andrew DeVincenzo, **Electronic Recyclers**; Janine Delaney, **MassDEP**; Patti Howard, **SEMASS**; Claire Sullivan **Ex. Dir., SSRC**

* Appointed Board Members

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

Andrew DeVincenzo, **Recycling Specialist, Electronic Recyclers, Inc.** 508-439-3744 Largest in US, bought Electronicycle in Gardner; based in CA. 100% material collected is recycled, no exports, document where all material goes. Energy, resource efficient facility. Electronics are highly toxic; 7-9 lb Pb in monitors, TVs; State contractors meet strict environmental requirements, they won.

Cheapest vendors may not be recycling, but dumping on undeveloped countries. No good reason to reuse old monitor, most are broken by the time they get to facility. Their price used to be high, he fought corporate to reduce price for munis. It's up to us to manage this waste properly; all parts can be reused. He can write a proposal for SSRC. Pricing is by the pound, includes containers, gaylords, pallets, transportation. Caters to needs, take CPUs for n/c if separated. Encourage best handling, not overstacking. Takes anything with a cord; 9c/lb. Serves Framingham, New Bedford, Taunton, several others; no curbside; one day collection events available, can collect \$ from residents or bill town, but pricing is higher. Permanent is better; tires about \$5/tire, middleman, just for convenience of customers. Take auto batteries at n/c; he will send list to CS of what they accept.

Approve November **minutes** (vote) SH moved to accept as written, JD seconded, AIF

Treasurer's Report good shape, slightly less \$ than last year; MR move to accept, DB seconded, AIF

Hull membership – prorate FY08? (vote) Hull would like to rejoin for second half of FY08, use HHP contract, prorate dues. CS had suggested it may be possible. EBoard recommends against prorating in this case. Discussion: New members have been prorated before, but Hull withdrew, though not with intention of coming back for part year. **Would set bad precedent**; want commitment for future membership; afraid they could be using SSRC for HHP, then withdraw. Prorate and charge a penalty? Ask for a commitment to rejoin? If we ask for full \$4k for FY08, CS is pretty sure they won't do. Policy to allow one hardship penalty during membership? No.

DS moved to require full FY08 dues for Hull to rejoin. JD second; AIF; CS send letter to Phil Lemnios

Member town program initiatives and upgrades:

Cohasset sending OCC to Capital Paper Recycling, getting \$65/ton delivered; CPR wants plastic too. Has had PAYT 6 years, seeing some drop in recycling now that people are used to paying for bags; An Eagle scout is doing some work on outreach to boost rate; HS did waste audit this year, improving recycling.

Duxbury – single stream through Integrated Paper Recyclers, n/c, still paid for paper/OCC; how often to change out? Is it a mess? RTF reconfiguration, PAYT 4/1; Marshfield inspired; one selectman strong advocate; BOH passed hauler regs; 2 public hearings; BOS voted, no TM; JD is helping with planning through grant (Tom Daley or Janine Delaney)

Kingston – RTF serious capacity issues, JD helping; IPR working on reconfiguration, adding compactors; DEP permit approved; may consider SS; haven't done reconfig yet, need to pour pads for compactors, Janine Delaney)

Marshfield – PAYT July-Nov 2006 4223 tons trash; 2007 2752 tons; 35% decrease; recycling 2006 755 tons curbside; 2007 1084 tons curbside, 43% increase; 17% recy 06, 30% 07 9paper, cardboard, B&C), illegal dump not much problem; big learning curve; don't sell bags through CVS, lots of paperwork, no payment, owe \$20K (Debbie Sullivan) reduced trash fee \$110, need to cover;

Plymouth – PAYT (Kerin McCall)' last year one school Abitibi, now 4; grievance by haulers; resulted in all schools, bring to Casella in Rochester; PAYT voted by BOS starting July 1; started talking about last year; keep 3 transfer stations; no curbside; subsidies will be announced in January

Weymouth – DPW drop-off recycling, Shred Day, extra post holiday paper/OCC collection (Katie McDonald or Claire Sullivan)- DS there were lots of problems last year with that, styrofoam in boxes, people not understanding what's going on, lots of calls

Whitman – PAYT (Eric Badger) town officials will meet early Jan; moving forward in July; doing research on logistics; DPW coordinating with BOH; BOH voted to implement

Executive Director's Report:

Grant – Earth Day event scouts have had trouble with the Hanover Mall; Trader Joe's; JD, BG, NT volunteered to help; Email SB; Debbie can access school kids

SEMASS "SSRC Appreciation Dinner" proposal; Patti does for CCC Extension; tours anytime; Papa Razzi Hanover, 1/31; Patti will set up

Press releases; distributed 2 of the three released this past month: SSRC Joins MRP Campaign, and Holiday tips from DEP

Reminder-IMA Extension, TM Article

New Business

Norwell has a second SSRC Representative, welcome **Norm Thoms**

MB was notified that Cohasset eligible a grant for \$6500 (from where?) for a Big Belly; he will send CS the info

Invite school, muni building custodians, unions to a meeting? Added to workload, some don't have time; Louis T partnering with Mansfield Paper, invite to mtg? works with schools;

Do shredding with HHP days? Weymouth did a week after; need space for cars and shredder

SH: Sharps, problem at RTF, can't dispose; Cohasset, Hingham, Marshfield collect; he would like VNA to collect, DPW would pay;

Patti O'Hara is now Patti Howard – fix email address

JD –Tina Klein coming to SE MRC meeting; has free saddle baskets for THs that signed MRP resolution

Contracting Workshop in Mansfield 1/30/2008

Next mtg: Thurs, Jan 17, Cohasset; Thurs, Feb 14, Abington

SH, JD adjourn 11:09

-Submitted by Claire Sullivan, Executive Director