



## **SSRC MSW Manager/Board Agenda**

**March 15, 2007, Norwell Town Hall; Accepted 4/12/07**

Members present: **Abington:** Michelle Roberts\*; **Cohasset:** Merle Brown\*; **Hanover:** Steve Herrmann\*; **Hingham:** Helga Jorgensen\*, Randy Sylvester\*, **Holbrook:** Ken Brown\*; **Hull:** Nancy Kramer\*; **Marshfield:** Debbie Sullivan\*, **Norwell:** Joanne Dirk\*; **Plymouth:** Kerin McCall\*; **Rockland:** Rudy Childs\*, Janice McCarthy  
Deborah Brownell, Hanson; Janine Delaney, MassDEP; Claire Sullivan, SSRC; **Guest speakers,** Julia Wolfe, MassDEP, Michael Bleakie, Lion's Head Organics

\*Appointed Board Members.

9:15 Chairman Merle Brown opened the meeting; introductions.

**Julia Wolfe, MassDEP,** Planning for disaster: Debris management

(distributed John Fischer's Power Point Presentation) MEMA is coordinating disaster planning, includes debris management. If FEMA is called in, 90% of reimbursement is typically for debris mgmt. Polled those present about emergency plans. Several have them, but they don't address debris. Cleanup costs a lot less if there is a plan than if not. Learned lessons from Katrina.

If disaster strikes, local resources exhausted first. If Emergency, must work with state for funding; meet criteria for imminent threat to public safety, MEMA must concur.

Establish staging sites; segregate suspected asbestos-contaminated debris, avian flu carcasses; vegetative, hazardous materials, white goods, vehicles.

FCSWMD has a plan, seeking USDA grant to develop carcass mgmt plan. If communities have a plan, update, make sure it includes debris mgmt.

1. Town must declare emergency before beginning operations; involve BOH, DPW, ConCom
2. Separate debris at point of clearance before it's commingled; need to meet criteria for reimbursement; write in to SW contracts
3. Select locations for staging sites for each class of debris. DEP will set criteria for best management practices (BMPs) including site size, accessibility
4. There are no in-state disposal options for C&D that potentially contains asbestos. MINIMIZE QUANTITY by segregating. DEP is working on finding a site, flexibility
5. Avian flu infected carcasses- not here yet, but can happen any time. DEP is working w/other agencies. Manage on site if possible; composting recommended; need bulking agent; must disinfect.
6. Vegetative waste: largest component from a storm. chipping, composting, fuel, lumber;
7. Hazardous materials - good infrastructure; DEP working on regulatory flexibility for storage requirements;
8. White goods, electronics: use existing contracts; remove food, trash.
9. vehicles and vessels; 72 hours to claim before declared abandoned, trying to increase.

**Michael Bleakie, Lion's Head Organics, Getting the most out of your compost site**

Continuing what Julia said, it's important to segregate brush from yard waste, or it slows screening process down, costs more. The more finished the compost, greater yield, less cost; cleaner tailings; more space on site; avoid screening same material multiple times; he worked with Randy S in Hingham to maximize site usage.

Food waste? Must be handled right away, not stored more than 24 hours. Feasibility depends on site, location, quantity of YW. Need 1:10 to 1:15 ratio of food:yard waste, thoroughly mixed, then cover with blanket of yard waste. Need loader and operator on site, may need DON, depending on size, >35TPW; requirements on farm more relaxed.

Michael is working on a new commercial food waste site on South Shore. Transportation is biggest barrier; glass is an issue.

**Approve January minutes:** Ken Brown moved, Helga Jorgenses seconded, AIF as written

**Treasurer's Report;** Balance Feb. \$39,762.71, \$15K less than last year; \$2K to be deposited. Steve Herrmann moved to accept, Helga Jorgenses seconded, AIF

Joanne Dirk noted that there is not much to carry over for FY08, proposed dues increase FY09, 5%, to \$4,200. Check with towns not present. No vote taken.

**Chairman's report – Hanson BOH presentation:** Debbie Brownell putting SSRC membership on TM warrant. Claire Sullivan will attend. BOH Is interested, must show how we can save money

**Legislative Breakfast in May?** Yes; Sen Creedon award? SEMASS award? 5/11 or 5/18 at Cameron's on the Green. Purchase new sign, \$80? OK (no vote needed).

**Executive Director's Report:**

Please read the newsletter, good information.

Contracting workshop summary (handout); Regional curbside contracting opportunities

Enforcement Officer grant request to MassDEP for FY08 grants

Cape Cod Tier One community SW contracts – Greg Smith is convening Town managers to discuss renegotiation of contract to avoid sudden 300% increase in tip fee in 2014; will encourage South Shore Tier One towns to join (Kingston, Norwell, Plymouth; Hanson)

HHP scheduling FY08 in progress.

Latex driveway sealer management – similar to latex paint, dry and dispose, nonhaz.

Legislative advocacy update – Budget, CEF, UBB, Electronics Takeback.

Statewide Paper Recovery Campaign update

**New Business :** Scrap metal deals? Ex Dir is researching.

Marshfield is paid \$50/ton, n/c for electronics, Freon by Brockton Iron and Steel.

Hingham is paid \$100/ton for quantities >3 tons by American Waste Brokers

Cohasset's metal goes to Brockton Iron and Steel.

**Next mtgs:** Thurs, April 12, ~~Duxbury~~ (changed to Whitman after meeting). May ? Legislative breakfast; June, Hingham?

Adjourn 11:00

Submitted by Claire Sullivan, Executive Director