

MASSPSC Stakeholder Call

January 19th 2017, 3PM

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In attendance:

Jeff Azano-Brown
Michele Bernier
Meryl Brott
Susan Casino
Carolyn Dann
Arlene Dias
Norm Doucette
Kalliope Egloff
Claire Galkowski
Phil Goddard
Edward Hsieh
Sharon Kishida
Meg Morris
Brooke Nash
Dawn Quirk
Waneta Trabert
Gunther Wellenstein

Minutes:

- I. Opening and public comment period (Phil)
- II. Overview of **MASSPSC** status
 - A. Existing Officers listed – Phil Goddard (chair), Michele Bernier, Kalliope Egloff, Meg Morris, Waneta Trabert, Gunther Wellenstein
 1. Tess Anais Zinnes resigned
 - B. MR Board will discuss structure of MASSPSC at the Feb. 4th Board Retreat
 1. Stakeholder calls will remain free until further notice
- III. Legislation
 - A. Paint
 1. ACA is the lead for filing, but will not file via Senator Gobi
 2. **ACTION** - Edward will reach out to Dan Connolly
 - a) *Ed. Note, Jan. 20th – ACA did not file the paint bill via the normal means and will be seeking support from MASSPSC for a late filing*

3. Carolyn asks if we can work regionally with the governors of states that have implemented in New England, as well as groups like NEWMOA and NERC

a) *Ed. Note, Feb. 1st – Carolyn has submitted MR to speak at NRRRA Conference about regional potential*

B. Pharmaceuticals

1. MASSPSC will monitor implementation of the regulations by reaching out to the Department of Public Health

C. E-Waste

1. Several e-waste bills are traditionally filed at the State House every session (Smizik; Pacheco); MASSPSC will monitor

a) *These bills generally have not moved as several electronic manufacturer alliances exist that do not agree on the best product stewardship approach*

b) **ACTION** - *Send out copy of previous e-waste comment letters to MASSPSC Members*

c) *Waneta will work with Edward to collect data about types of e-waste bills*

2. Mike Durfor, NRRRA, is working with OEMs on a “sponsor box” program to take back tube TVs

a) *80 to 90% of e-waste weight still comes from CRT TVs, which are still the only waste banned e-waste item*

b) **ACTION** – *Reach out to Mike Durfor to get involved in this process*

D. Packaging

1. Bill filed for MASSPSC by Claire via Rep. McMurtry

a) *Bill requires manufacturers (over \$100K revenue) of packaged products sold in the Commonwealth to pay a stewardship fee*

b) *Establishes expendable trust for use by MassDEP for grants to municipalities and to support recycling expansion generally*

(1) *Expendable trusts do not need annual legislative appropriations and are more protected from legislative pulls*

2. **VOTE** – MASSPSC will support the packaging bill and work on co-sponsors. (Michele, Waneta 2nd; Passed unanimously)

E. Mattresses

1. MASSPSC researched filing mattress EPR legislation this session

a) *Edward reached out to ISPA about filing a mattress EPR bill parallel to the bills passed in CT, however ISPA is not ready to file a full bill in MA this session*

b) *ISPA suggested filing a Resolution; State House contacts dissuaded Edward from this course and instead suggested a budget amendment or rider*

(1) *Easier to pass than a resolution*

(2) *Has more teeth than a resolution*

- (3) Gives MASSPSC time until March or April to prepare
- 2. Mattress budget amendment/rider
 - a) *MassDEP is currently subsidizing municipal mattress collection through a grant program*
 - (1) To date, 33 municipalities and regional entities have been using the grants to collect mattresses
 - (2) 13 more just received grant awards
 - (3) Goal of the grants is to help drive development of a local market and infrastructure
 - b) *MassDEP does not need additional funding, but does seek information*
 - (1) Survey who collects mattresses (both corporate and municipal)
 - (2) Determine what is done with the mattresses
 - c) *Amendment/rider should request a study about the recycling of mattresses in Massachusetts and recognition of the existing mattress grant program*
 - (1) No need to request funds for MassDEP
 - d) **VOTE** – *MASSPSC will file a budget amendment/rider with the MA Legislature requesting a mattress study (Meg, Michele 2nd; Passed unanimously)*

IV. Motion to adjourn (Gunther, Michele 2nd)