

## **Town of Abington commended for waste reduction efforts**

The Town of Abington was recognized for its commitment to curbside solid waste program enforcement at MassRecycle's December Southeast Municipal Recycling Council meeting. MassRecycle Director Edward Hsieh and MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator Janine Delaney presented the Certificate of Recognition.

The town of Abington employs Lorraine Mavrogeorge, a dedicated Waste Reduction Enforcement Coordinator, to educate residents about proper trash and recycling procedures, and authorizes her to enforce the Town's recycling rules. Her position was initially funded in part by a MassDEP grant. Mavrogeorge accepted the certificate for the town.

Abington was also recognized as the Southeastern Mass. curbside town earning the most MassDEP "Recycling Dividend Program" points in the region for its comprehensive waste reduction program. The RDP rewarded Abington with a \$4,800 grant this year.

The South Shore Recycling Cooperative, of which Abington is a member, was also recognized for providing comprehensive access to household hazardous waste collections to its member town residents. The HHW reciprocity program enables Abington residents to attend any of twelve area events each year with permission from the Board of Health.

Waste reduction and proper recycling save money and resources, reduce carbon emissions, and create jobs.

(Photo: Lorraine Mavrogeorge, Abington's WREC, and Janine Delaney, MassDEP Municipal Assistance Coordinator)

