

KEEP CHARLTON BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE 2/8/22 MEETING MINUTES

**PRESENT: Kathleen Walker, Deb Marquis, Catherine Jolicoeur, Joe Mahaney, Celeste Mahaney, Mike Cunningham**  
**ABSENT: Marissa DeJesus**

Minutes from last meeting were read and unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**Communication:**

**Keep Massachusetts Beautiful-** Deb is working with Neil Rhein to update the Charlton page. The Charlton web page can be found on [KeepMassachusettsBeautiful.org](http://KeepMassachusettsBeautiful.org). There's not much on the page currently, but anything the committee receives regarding our mission, things we're working on, etc., Deb will post on the page. Kathleen to reach out to Neil Rhein to find out how to update the Keep Charlton Beautiful page.

**Town of Charlton website-** Kathleen mention that anything we want on the website we should send to Jeff Sorel, the town IT officer. Deb will have the meeting dates and phone numbers updated on the website.

**Library Marquee-** Joe will send out an email with a list of posts that he would like to see on the marquee.

**Facebook Page-** Kathleen to update the page.

**Litter Control-** Joe presented a list of 69 volunteers who signed up to clean up their streets last year. We will contact those people and try to get them more involved this year.

Joe suggested that we post sample letters on our website for citizens to use to write to their congressional delegation to persuade them to take ownership of cleaning up and maintaining route 20.

Joe will fill out a request for the town to pay for anti-littering signs. Fifty signs would cost \$3000 and the poles to affix them to would cost \$1700.

**Recycling:**

DEP Solid Waste and Recycling survey- Deb and Kara are filling it out and it will be completed by 2/15.

Deb is calling Casella (Paul Degnan runs the Saturday drop-off) to understand what can be dropped off at the site. Kathleen explained that there is a flyer which explains that. Deb needs to know the tonnage amount collected so Charlton can receive credit and increased funding through the Recycling Dividends Program. All committee members need to read up on the program so we can set up strategies to increase the credits we can receive.

**Small Scale Initiative grant-** Items we purchase must be on the state's approved list and be made of at least 30% recycled materials. So far, the planter is the only item on our list.

**Our Bank Account-** Profits from raffles-\$800 This can be spent on anything to do with recycling. Linda Davis suggested checking with the recreation department to see if they have trash receptacles which separate trash from recyclables. We should find out whose job it is to empty both at sports fields.

**New Business:**

**Earth Day:**

Linda Davis came in for a discussion about Earth Day and how this committee can assist. John McGrath works for the state department of transportation and historically has given the Earth Day committee the trash bags used for cleanup. The gloves come from a grant from The Last Green Valley. Joe said that Andrew Golas wants to help so Joe volunteered to go with Linda to talk with him. Linda said she'd get start ordering the gloves, vests, and T-shirts as we discussed many items are taking longer to get delivered during the pandemic. Celeste suggested that any vendors who help with Earth Day, i.e., by supplying materials, should be thanked on our website. The next Earth Day committee meeting is 2/15 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6PM. The next meeting will be 3/8 at 5PM at the library.