

Charlton Recycling Committee Minutes
May 9, 2019

The meeting began at 5:00pm. Present were Kathleen Walker, Roland and Nancy Jackson, Deb Marquis, Mike Cummingham and Terek Mroczkowski.

Terek Mroczkowski of Ted's package store in town came to the meeting on an invitation by Kathleen Walker to discuss what can be done in Charlton about the road litter of alcoholic beverage containers, specifically nip bottles. Terek said that a town ban on the selling of nip bottles would hurt their business and not really solve the problem. Ted's is willing to print signs, use social media and even pay for cameras to target bad dumping areas. They would also take part in a Clean Up campaign to reward people for picking up alcoholic containers. Terek said he will look into cameras and signs and come to our next meeting on June 13th. Kathleen said we should invite a policeman to come too. After that we could present the topic at the Selectman's Meeting at Open Forum. The committee thanked him for coming.

Next, we talked about the Charlton Housing residences on Meadowview Drive. Deb Marquis has called the manager, Donna Gauthier, to see why they don't recycle. The message was that they don't have room in the units to have recycling containers. Deb said she would go see her to find out more.

We next discussed our next order for the Small Scale Initiatives grant. We decided to stay with the items we ordered last year from Go Green Solutions in Grafton except for the worm factory. The grant application is due by mid June.

Finally, Kathleen was contacted by a resident about whether the Casella's Saturday drop off site could do composting. We talked to Todd, the Conservation agent about that and asking Fay Mountain farm, but he and the farmer there don't think it is feasible based on space needs and monitoring.

The meeting ended at 6:10pm.