

## Charlton Recycling Committee Minutes

May 21, 2020

The Zoom meeting began at 5:03pm. Present were Deborah Marquis, Kathleen Walker and Michael Cunningham. There was no April meeting due to the virus.

First the group discussed the SSI grant for 2019 and the fact that we still have not received all the products from Go Green Solutions. Kara has called the owner and says she will again next week. They have to be delivered by June 30th if he is to be paid.

Once we have everything, we need to decide at what venues we can sell and raffle them. In 2019 we had a table at Earth Day, the Blueberry Festival and Old Home Day. These events aren't expected to be held this year so Kathleen suggested trying an online auction for the two products we usually raffle: the rain collecting planter and the automatic composter. Unfortunately, the composter is now not available so we could auction just the rain collecting planter. Kathleen suggested having the auction before June 21st, Father's Day. Michael thought June 17th at 7:00pm would be a good date and Deb and Kathleen agreed. We chose our next Zoom meeting for June 4th to finalize the auction details. Deb will put together a flyer and get it on Charlton TV, the local paper and locations around town. Mike agreed to be the auctioneer.

The last business was choosing the 2020 SSI grant products from the \$1000.00 we hope to be awarded from the state. Deb has heard about a composting product called the New Age Machine sold by New England Plastic Corp. that is on the state list of acceptable vendors. She called Irene Congdon, the state recycling coordinator about it. Irene mentioned a man named Joel Betts who is offering his services to people in Worcester County to test their soil and help with learning to compost. Deb will call him.

The zoom meeting ended at 5:45pm.