

## Charlton Recycling Committee Minutes

July 11, 2019

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

Kathleen started with the possibility of having Charlton Hazardous Waste Days now that Casella's in Southbridge costs more for Charlton residents. She has spoken to representatives from Dudley and Southbridge who may be interested in a joint program in the future. Jim Philbrook, the Board of Health agent, said Charlton would be able to put \$3000.00 towards it.

On the yard waste issue, Dudley has a section of their highway yard where leaves and grass only can be brought. Then the DPW turns the pile and it later becomes compost that Dudley residents can take with a permit. Sticks are treated separately.

A visit to see the site was planned.

Next, Bill Caulway, a Charlton resident, presented his talk on yard waste. He mentioned that Southbridge, too, has a program, but Charlton has none. Bill brought a handout he prepared with a lot of benefits for us all. He thought Fay Mountain might be a good site for the collection of yard waste and composting. Kathleen said we should talk to the farmer there and Todd Girard at Conservation on whether it is feasible.

Next on the agenda was Terek Mroczkowski of Ted's Package Store to speak to the recycling committee about its concern over liquor bottle litter, specifically nip bottles. Terek said that he understood our concerns but if a community tried banning the sale of nip bottles, people would still buy them other places and it would hurt Charlton package stores' business. Some suggestions he had were cameras at litter sites, an effort by citizens to vote a deposit on nip bottles, community awareness signs in package stores and more community engagement on our Earth Fest litter pickup day. We appreciated his coming to address this issue and he said he would return in the future.

Finally, we discussed our next meeting on August 8th and setting up a table at the Blueberry Festival on July 29th to sell our recycling products and raffle tickets.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

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