

Charlton Recycling Committee Minutes

September 19, 2019

The meeting began at 5:15pm. Present were: Deb Marquis, Kathleen Walker, Mike Cunningham, Roland and Nancy Jackson, and Bill Caulway.

The topic of yard waste in town was discussed first. A proposal by Bill Caulway, a Charlton resident, to use Fay Mountain as a site was deemed inappropriate by the farmer there and Todd Girard, the Conservation Dept. agent. Next, the Wednesday after our August meeting, Roland and Kathleen visited the Dudley Recycling Center to see their operation. They have a good set up on Indian Road with different fee schedules for trash, yard waste(just grass and leaves) and recycling. You can pick up compost and there is a swap shop. It's open Tues. through Sat.

Bill Caulway mentioned that Dudley's Recycling Center doesn't take sticks and branches, and that is still a problem for people. He felt grass clippings and leaves should be mowed back into lawns. Casella's used to have paper yard waste bags that people could buy and bring to the Southbridge site. He said he would check out their Oxford Saturday drop off site and ask about this. Another option would be a town owned land site that could be monitored by residents or Highway department. Kathleen said she would talk to Gerry at Highway about the possibility, probably for a fee.

Kathleen and Deb attended a meeting at the BOH office with people from Southbridge and Dudley to brainstorm ideas for future Household Hazardous Waste Days once Casella's is no longer an option. Southbridge has years to go on its contract so they aren't looking for a change now. It is possible that Charlton could team up with Dudley but nothing was determined at this meeting. When Kathleen called Casella's to try to get a price break on their HHW days, they reduced the whole car rate to \$50.00.

The meeting ended at 6:00pm.