

Charlton Recycling Committee Minutes

November 14, 2019

The meeting started at 5:00pm. Present were: Kathleen Walker, Roland and Nancy Jackson and Deb Marquis.

The recycling committee did not meet in October, but did take part in a meeting of a group of residents and town officials at the Town Hall on October 24th at 6:00pm. A committee was formed called the Charlton Sustainability Center Committee. Its aim is to find a long term solution for Charlton residents to deal with yard waste. The goal is to provide access to a facility to recycle grass clippings, leaves, sticks and brush into useful products such as compost and mulch. Christmas tree disposal will be the first action of this new committee.

Next our grant order was discussed. We have not heard from Jim at Go Green Solutions yet but a call will be made to reach him next week.

The town accountant told Deb Marquis that our revolving account balance is \$1,171.12. We will each try to come up with the best ways to spend some of our funds in 2020.

The last topic we discussed was Casella's Household Hazardous Waste days that occur four times a year in Southbridge. The cost to Charlton residents is a lot higher than in the past. Now it costs \$30.00 for half a car and \$50.00 for a full car plus the usual \$20.00 cost to dispose of TVs, monitors, refrigerants, etc. We had found out in August that there is \$3000.00 on the 2019 town budget for hazardous waste use. Kathleen Walker came up with an idea to ask the town to use that money to provide \$30.00 vouchers to lower the Hazardous Waste Day cost for one hundred Charlton citizens on a first come, first serve basis. We will get on the agenda at a future Board of Health meeting to request this use for that money. Deb Marquis and Roland Jackson will present it to the BOH.

The meeting ended at 6:05pm.