

**Charlton Recycling Committee Minutes**  
**April 11, 2019**

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

We discussed the Hazardous Waste Day on March 30th at Casella's but no one from our group was there to count cars or work at it. Roland and Nancy were still in Florida. Casella's is charging more now for hazardous waste and taking fewer types of waste. Roland and Nancy went to the new Saturday Dropoff at Casella's place in Oxford a week ago and said that it was crowded. Charlton residents can bring two bags of trash each Saturday and get rid of one bulky item.

We discussed the email Kathleen got from a resident who wanted to dispose of yard waste. We used to be able to bring leaves, sticks, etc. to Southbridge but no more. It cannot be brought to the Oxford site. Deb Marquis suggested calling Casella's to see if they would consider adding it in the future. Kathleen Walker said we could talk to Fay Mountain to see if yard waste could be brought there. She will talk to the Board of Health.

Next, Kathleen talked about the Charlton Housing Authority area off Main Street on Meadowview Drive. A resident there contacted her about the fact that they do not have recycling with their trash disposal. There are about 36 apartments. Deb Marquis said she would call Donna Gauthier at their office for more information.

Kathleen mentioned that our request to the town to raise our revolving fund limit from \$1000.00 to \$5000.00 will be voted on at town meeting in May.

Deb Marquis talked about the worm factory we ordered as part of our Small Scale Initiatives Grant. We weren't sure if we were raffling it off or selling it. Erin Anderson on the Earth Day committee thought her science class in the Middle School in Charlton would enjoy it as a project. We will check on whether the grant allows us to donate something we ordered. If not, we voted to use some money we have made on our sales to buy one for her class.

Also, Kathleen and I will go see Gerry at Highway next week to give them the six new anti-littering signs we bought to put up around town.

Finally, Kathleen called Mike Cunningham who is on our committee about litter pickup at Earth Day. He is still in Arizona and hopes to return by the end of the month. He will get the litter grabbers we paid for to us, and hopes the Sheriff's office in Worcester will assign some prisoners for the Earth Day Cleanup.

The meeting ended at 6:00pm.