

KEEP CHARLTON BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE 4/10/23 MEETING MINUTES

Present: Deb Marquis, Kathleen Walker, Catherine Jolicoeur, Mike Cunningham (on phone)

Minutes of February 12, 2023 were unanimously accepted.

Our March meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

Spring plans - We will try to get more points for the Recycling Dividends Program. We will focus on one or two new initiatives. Deb will call Irene Congdon from the DEP and go over the categories and get her advice on which ones we should try. Deb suggested social media and community education would be options. Catherine suggested textiles and a Community Repair Event which fall under the Reuse category on the form. The deadline to get points is June 15, 2023.

Earth Fest was discussed since some members of our committee are on that committee too. It's possible that next year some of the Earth Day committee members will join Keep Charlton Beautiful.

Household Hazardous Waste Day was held on March 25th and Deb attended to hand out vouchers to Charlton residents without one, and all the 2022-2023 vouchers were used up. \$3000 is budgeted each year by the Board of Health for them. There will be no new ones until the new fiscal year on July 1, which means the June 24th HHWD will have no vouchers this year. They will resume for September HHWD.

Our discussion of having a single trash hauler for Charlton will be tabled until next year.

We would still like to meet with the Charlton Garden Club and come up with a team project for beautification in town. Deb and Kathleen will try to attend their May meeting.

KCB will have a table at Earth Day and have borrowed a canopy from the library. We will be raffling the Redmon outdoor composter and will sell our canisters, litter bags, etc. We have recycling comic books for children. Deb will call Go Green Solutions in Grafton to use our funds to purchase a couple of the Redmon composters to sell and up to two rain collecting planters. Motion was made to do this and the vote was unanimous.

The committee voted unanimously to send \$300 to Keep MA Beautiful for our annual dues for 2023.

We are working on a mission statement and Catherine is composing it and will present her progress at our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00PM.