

Recycling Committee Minutes

July 8, 2021

In attendance: Joe Mahaney, Celeste Mahaney, Deb Marquis, Cathy Jolicoeur, Mike Cunningham, Kathleen Walker

Meeting Called to Order at the Charlton Library at 5:20 p.m.

Kathleen made a motion to accept minutes of May and June meetings. Joe seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Deb reported the resignation of Phyllis Hanlon as member and secretary of Recycling Committee. She asked for a volunteer for a new secretary. Kathleen suggested we take turns performing role of secretary. Decision was approved.

Deb relayed benefits of becoming a chapter town of the Keep Massachusetts Beautiful Organization. All are in favor of membership.

Deb shared the Hazardous Waste Day June 26, 2021 Report. Sixty-nine residents had signed up for vouchers of which 55 were used including 14 residents that Deb enrolled on site. Deb is willing to attend the Hazardous Waste Day again in September. All were in favor of her initiative.

Deb mentioned that we need to generate ideas for the next DEP Small Scale Initiatives grant cycle. She will forward a list of state approved vendors to the committee to view their products made of 30% recycled materials.

Kathleen provided update on a town littering bylaw. She suggested that the Recycling Committee attend the August Board of Health Meeting to promote support or sponsorship of such bylaw.

Joe offered language that would state the conditions of such bylaw to include fines for littering violations which would be conveyed by town wide signage.

Mike noted how keeping areas clean of litter and well maintained such as with town beautification projects like public planters encourages responsible and respectful behavior keeping our roadways clear of littering offenses. The committee appreciated this suggestion.

Deb shared a thank you note from the Earth Day Committee in thanks for a raffle donation made by Recycling Committee.

Next meeting will follow the August Board of Health Meeting which the Recycling Committee will attend. Deb will contact Jonathan Sanborn to get the date of the BOH meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Jolicoeur