



Town of West Boylston
140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, Massachusetts 01583

Solid Waste Advisory Team (SWAT) Meeting Minutes

Date: August 15, 2019

West Boylston Public Library

Present: Elise Wellington, Norma Chanis, Julianne deRivera

Absent: Barur Rajeshkumar, Duane Henry

The meeting began at 2:00 pm

Pink Bag Presentation at Library Preparation: Anna Shaw, director of West Boylston Library, joined us for the first 15 minutes showing us around the downstairs conference room where SWAT's presentation is scheduled for September 26th at 3:00 p.m. Invited by Shaw to do this program as part of the Library's "Climate Change Preparedness Week, SWAT's program, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. " will focus on the upcoming Pink Bag Textile Recycling Project, as well as contaminants and items that are difficult to get rid of. Unfortunately, there is no WIFI downstairs so SWAT will have to bring their own hot spot if we want to do an interaction presentation. It was therefore agreed to present with a power point although that will entail bringing our own laptop that will be able to connect to the library's projector. Chanis also recommended paper handouts as backup.

We then focused on what material we wanted to cover for citizens attending. Chanis agreed to make screen shots of 'What do I do with...' and 'Recyclapedia' and the Wachusett's Recycle center's website. She will also show 'the Top 5 Contaminants' and West Boylston's DPW's recycling info/Collection Calendar mailer.' SWAT will clarify state requirements versus our town's recycling particulars re bottle caps (plastic only) and styrofoam (not at curbside, only at recycle center). SWAT will be taking questions from the attendees.

SWAT will also present the particulars of the 'Pink Bag program' to be launched by WasteZero to divert 8% of trash that is currently recyclable textiles. Chanis will also do a screenshot of WasteZero's handouts which will illustrate what is acceptable, such as textiles (clean even if unwearable), shoes, and small working electronics. deRivera will bring an actual pink bag and small index cards for questions.

SWAT also agreed to invite Adam from City Compost to our next SWAT meeting on October 10th to help us understand what he can do for the town, restaurants, and the schools to divert food waste from the landfill or incinerator that they are sent to.

Wellington will obtain the trash numbers needed to complete the Spreadsheet for FY '19.

Next Meeting: SWAT will meet October 10, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Submitted by
Julianne deRivera, Chair SWAT