

## Minutes of SWAT Meeting 4-27-17

West Boylston Town Hall

Attendees: Elise Wellington, Norma Chanis, Anita Scheipers, Julianne deRivera

Meeting began at 3:30p

>We reviewed and passed our minutes from our last meeting on October 13, 2016

>SWAT members reviewed SWAT history and goals for Anita Scheipers, the new town administrator

>We discussed bag fees and compared the figures from the Massachusetts database of PAYT communities revealing West Boylston as having the lowest rate. Anita noted that this fact combined with many complaints on bag defects could set the stage for an increase in the bag fee and thus help increase the town's recycling rate and decrease the town's trash tonnage.

>As our trash contract expires in 2020, the town will probably be forced to consider reverting to dual stream recycling since dual stream produces less contamination of recyclables than single stream and therefor a higher price for our collector, Republic. This will become more important as the value of recyclables continues to decrease and the cost of trash disposal increases.

>SWAT members wondered if we could access data from Republic of trash generation/recycling amounts from the different neighborhoods in town to compare and then target specific neighborhoods to improve their numbers

>Norma announced that compost bins are available at the Wachusett Recycling Center for \$38

>Anita wondered whether we could work with Tim, the Access Coordinator, and some high school kids on an infomercial for the local cable channel. Julianne volunteered to coordinate this activity.

>Norma wondered about increasing SWAT's visibility at other town events like West Boylston Day or Memorial Day Festivities by having recycling and compost bins there.

>SWAT agreed to meet with the BOS to discuss a bag fee increase.

>SWAT discussed our presentation for the upcoming town meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30p

Respectfully submitted,  
Julianne deRivera  
SWAT chair