

Minutes of SWAT Meeting 4/29/2016

West Boylston Town Hall

Attendees: Julianne deRivera, Normal Chanis, Barur Rajeshkumar, Kathy Fahy, Mike Kittredge (West Boylston DPW)

Meeting began at 5:00 p.m.

- While reviewing minutes from our last meeting on April 21, Norma made several comments about the Wachusett Regional Recycling Center:
 - While styrofoam is still being accepted at the Center, it is no longer being recycled; it is being sent to an incinerator and burned.
 - Compost bins are available at the Center for \$38.
 - A hazardous waste collection is scheduled for May 7.
- Rajesh mentioned that we can put SWAT information on the West Boylston cable TV station.
- Julianne asked if Mike could get us a current list of where West Boylston residents can purchase green PAYT trash bags.
- Mike verified that there is only one trash pickup truck for the town.
- Mike said that when our trash contract with Republic is up in 4 years, we may be able to get another company to bid on our recycling for less money than Republic is projecting it will cost for recycling. We should get other trash bids, and not just renew the contract.
- Norma will call Holden for their recycling rates, cost to town for carts, and their contamination rate.
- We discussed what to talk about at Town Meeting, including the suggestion from Paul Duggan of Casella to audit which section of town has the best recycling rate. Maybe we could use our grant money to purchase reusable shopping bags that say something like "West Boylston Recycles" and give them to residents in the area with the best recycling rate. Or we could give a roll of PAYT bags to each household in the area with the best recycling rate. We can also compare this year's trash and recycling rates to last year's rates.
- Rajesh will contact the Assessors' Office to get a count of the number of households in West Boylston.
- Kathy will contact Melissa Wallace, assistant principal at Major Edwards Elementary School, to see if she is interested in starting a Green Team
- The question came up about whether textiles are being diverted from our trash. This should be reflected in our trash totals.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Fahy
SWAT Secretary