

West Boylston Solid Waste Advisory Team
October 13, 2011
Town Hall Offices, 127 Hartwell Street

Committee Members Present:

Julianne DeRivera, Chair
Judith Doherty
Elise Wellington

Committee Members Not Present:

Mary Ambrose
Craig Gonyea

Others Present:

Silvio Baruzzi, P.E.- DPW Director
Karen Pare - briefly

The meeting began at 5:05 p.m

I. Approval of minutes

The revised minutes of SWAT's September 23, 2011 meeting were approved. Wellington agreed to send them to Town Clerk and Town web site coordinator Karen Pare.

II. PAYT Bag Instructions re Bulky Items

Chairman DeRivera warmly welcomed new DPW Director, Silvio Baruzzi. He said that the instruction sheet that comes with the PAYT bags will be changed with the next order of PAYT bags so that it will no longer (incorrectly) read "bulky items with a PAYT bag attached will be picked up for disposal." The Committee thanked him for making this change, which they have been trying to have made for about a year.

III. Free Recycling Bins

Baruzzi reported that he will bring some of the new (free) recycling bins to hand out at the October 17 Town Meeting.

IV. Wachusett Watershed Recycling Center, W. Boylston Web Site:

Pare showed SWAT the web site locations of the Wachusett Watershed Recycling Center (located in W. Boylston). SWAT agreed that these sites on the DPW section of the town's web site were adequate.

V. SWAT's May 19, 2008 Recycling Brochure - Revision:

Since the last SWAT meeting, Doherty had revised this brochure and emailed it to SWAT members for input. Wellington responded with suggested changes and DeRivera met with Doherty to make revisions. One area of concern was the FY2011 Disposal Costs (\$101,000.71) sent to SWAT by the Town Administrator, as these payments were only made to Casella. Were no payments made to Wheelabrator in FY11? Baruzzi will check on this. Baruzzi also reminded the committee that batteries may be brought to the DPW, which has brought in revenue to the town. The DPW will start to keep track of this tonnage, as well as the tonnage from scrap metal that the DPW has recycled, so that the town gets credit from the state for this recycling! He will report this recycling tonnage to

SWAT. This has not been done in the past. The committee went over the brochure in detail and made more revisions, so that it can be handed out at the October 17 Town Meeting.

VI. October 17, 2011 Town Meeting Report

DeRivera and Doherty agreed to give SWAT's Report at the October 17th Town Meeting and will include information about the many "difficult" items that may be recycled at Wachusett Watershed Recycling Center.

VII. Updated Bottle Bill

Wellington reported that she had emailed the MA Coalition to Update the Bottle Bill that SWAT would like to be added to the long list of bill supporters and this was done.

VIII. Spreadsheet for Trash Program Reporting:

Wellington passed out a Draft Excel Spreadsheet for the DPW to report on the town's trash program to SWAT and the town, including tonnages to calculate our recycling rate, costs, revenue, and all the info needed to report annually to DEP. Wellington said further changes were needed and agreed to work on them. Baruzzi requested that she email this spreadsheet to him so he could review it before it is finalized, and she agreed to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Submitted by,
Elise Wellington
Secretary