

Minutes of SWAT Meeting, 9/11/2014, at Town Hall

Attendees:

Julianne deRivera, Chairman
Elise Wellington
Norma Chanis
Kathy Fahy, Secretary

- The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.
- Minutes of April 17, 2014 meeting were approved.
- SWAT's meeting planned for May was cancelled
- Fahy has been appointed as a member of SWAT by the Selectmen.
- Route 12 beautification project - Chanis will check on status of this
- Bottle Bill Update -
 - 501 signatures were collected in West Boylston, one of the highest rates in the state.
 - We will present at Town Meeting on October 20 about why we are supporting the Expanded Bottle Bill
 - Celebrity comedian Jimmy Tingle will campaign in favor of expanded bottle bill.
 - Rather than have a West Boylston town captain, we will plan to be a town team.
 - Chanis will find out about a town email address for SWAT, develop a list of volunteers and what we need volunteers to do, and see if we can put up a "Yes on 2" sign at the Recycling Center.
 - It would be a good idea to get Boy Scouts involved since their bottle drives the second Saturday of each month stand to increase with increased redeemables. We can attend their next drive with signs, FAQ's, and lists of volunteer jobs.
 - Chanis will find out the name of Boy Scout dad who is very involved with bottle drives. Their next collection is October 11.
 - deRivera will contact Girl Scouts
 - Consider attending Farmers Markets - Sterling Center on Fridays, 3-6, Boylston Center on Saturdays, 10-1, and Holden on Thursdays
 - Chanis will contact Irene Condon for names of contacts in other towns. We can contact friends in other towns, and pick up materials at the Audubon in Worcester. Call first to be sure they have supplies.
 - We can write letters to the editor each week. Wellington will work on an op/ed article.
 - deRivera will contact Janet Vignaly, Judy Doherty, and 7 Hills Wheelmen.
 - We discussed creating a scarecrow for the Town Common from recyclable materials.
- Wellington will follow up with Nancy Cameron about getting involved with SWAT.
- There has been no drastic change in our recycling rates.
- We discussed creating a survey using Survey Monkey to find out what people are recycling at the Recycling Center, whether they would pay more for green bags, etc. This idea has been tabled for now.

- We will plan a meeting in September for any town people interesting in volunteering for “Yes on 2”
- Our next SWAT meeting will be held on October 2 and 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to develop a presentation for Town Meeting. Wellington will invite Nancy Cameron

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.