

## **Minutes of SWAT meeting, July 9, 2015**

West Boylston Town Hall

**Attendees:** Julianne deRivera, Elise Wellington, Kathy Fahy, and guest Mark Trudeau

Meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

- Introductions
- Minutes from the May 13, 2015, meeting were accepted with one minor change.
- We expressed our concerns about pesticide spraying in town. It's very difficult to get any information about what is being used. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) should be available for pesticides. We may be able to check the Toxics Action Center and/or the MassPIRG websites to find out what TruGreen uses.
- We feel that we need to meet regularly with the DPW. We need more/better data and we're wondering if we can get this directly from Waste Management. Julianne will send Anthony Sylvia an invitation to our next meeting since we need his input as ex-officio SWAT member.
- We brainstormed ways to increase recycling:
  - Surrounding towns charge higher bag fees. We need to talk to Mr. Sylvia about raising fees.
  - Can we go back to dual-stream recycling?
  - Would the West Boylston Municipal Light Department be willing to help us with collecting yard waste and/or compost to produce energy? We would like to invite General Manager Jonathan Fitch to a SWAT meeting to discuss this.
  - Michael Szczepan from Waste Management should be invited to a SWAT meeting so we can discuss the problem of drivers picking up non-recyclable materials.
- Julianne will research bag fees for surrounding towns. Irene Congdon may have this information.
- When the new Town Administrator is hired, we will meet with him/her, get his/her support, and ask for help getting us more involved with DPW.
- Next meeting will be on September 10, 2015

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Fahy  
SWAT Secretary