

Boylston Waste and Recycling Committee
Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2023

Date: July 10, 2023

Time: 6PM

Location: Town House, Lower Level, 599 Main St. Boylston

Committee Member Attendees: George Barrette, Irving Carter, Kathy Johnson, Larry Iannetti, Rob Thibeault

Guest Attendee: Irene Congdon, Central District Municipal Assistance Coordinator, Mass DEP

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barrette at 6:00PM.

Motion by Mr. Carter to accept the meeting minutes of June 10, 2023, seconded by Mr. Iannetti. The committee had a short discussion on minor edits to the minutes. Minutes passed unanimously with edits.

Mr. Barrette reported on the Committee's visit to Wachusett Regional Recycling Center (WRRRC). According to the WRRRC staff, the Town of Boylston has the lowest usage of the WRRRC's members currently. The Committee discussed how to improve the Town of Boylston's volume of use through social media, town website, and mailers.

Irene Congdon, the Central District Municipal Assistance Coordinator for Mass DEP gave an update on the Mass DEP Recycling Dividend Program (RDP) grant program. The Town of Boylston applied for the grant. The State is expected to announce the grant awards in the fall of 2023. Mass DEP also has a Technical Assistance grant which the Town is working on, as reported at the June 10, 2023 meeting. Ms. Congdon updated the committee on examples of a recent procurement process for curbside trash and recycling programs by other municipalities. The Committee discussed options available for the Town of Boylston to implement a centralized town-wide trash and recycling program such as procuring a single curbside trash and recycling hauler through direct negotiation, town bid process, or from the state bid list. In addition, they discussed the options for a modified transfer station or shared transfer station.

Next Steps: get update from the Town Administrator on the grant applications; explore the Town of Berlin's transfer station program; continue to get input from Mass DEP on framework and implementation of a town-wide waste and recycling program.

The Committee set their next meeting for Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Carter to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Iannetti. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04PM.