

## **Brookline Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2016

Submitted by Cynthia Snow

The meeting took place in the Public Health Building Library at 6:15 P.M.

**Committee Members Present:** John Dempsey, Cynthia Snow, Clint Richmond, Amie Lindenboim, Ed Gilbert

**Absent:** Barbara Field, Susan Rittling

**Handouts:** Agenda, Minutes from April meeting, Tonnages and commodity spreadsheets for April

**April 2016 Minutes** were approved as circulated

### **Plastic Bottle Warrant Article**

Public hearing on Thursday, May 12, 2016

### **DPW Report**

Mr. Gilbert reviewed the tonnage spreadsheet and commodity rates distributed. Year-to-date, recycling is down about 3.5%; solid waste is down 1.2%. Recycling market has improved slightly—though probably only temporarily.

Automatic loading trucks have been ordered; modified PAYT is expected to start spring 2017. Public hearing is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Variety of cart sizes will be available; 35 and 18 gallon sizes are eligible for state subsidy. Accommodations will be offered for those who have difficulty moving carts.

All businesses registered with Town Clerk have submitted recycling surveys, and 10 businesses/week are being checked for compliance.

Food waste collection at the High School will go forward. Compostables will be picked up three times a week.

Ms. Lindenboim raised the issue of permitting for construction (especially renovations to basements); all buildings need to assure a place to store trash and recyclables. Mr. Gilbert said there will be a new computer system for licensing and enforcement, and he will sign off on basement conversions.

Mr. Gilbert is negotiating with Virescentint for recycling of electronics; he must find a new company for electronics.

Hazardous Waste: 50 people the first day and 41 the second; mostly electronics

ReFoamit, the company we have worked with on Styrofoam recycling, is going out of business.

**DPW Week:** May 17<sup>th</sup>, DPW day, third-graders in the morning, open to public 12-6 PM; public hearing on mechanized pick up, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM; May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, meet the Commissioner; May 19<sup>th</sup>, Senior Center trip to Casella's MRF in Charlestown

**Adjournment:** 7:10 P.M.

**Next meeting:** June 6, 2016