

Brookline Solid Waste Advisory Committee Notes June 7, 2016

Attendees: All SWAC members except Barbara Field; Ed Gilbert, DPW

6:30 PM Welcomes/Introductions. Review the Minutes from 5/10/16

6:35 PM DPW Report – Ed Gilbert

- May tonnages
- Update on status of automatic collection exceptions

Inspecting reported violations

- Update on status of mandatory business recycling
- Update on food waste at High School

Collection to start on Sep. 1.

- Update on conversation with building commissioner

DPW may review building permits for basement conversions in order to maintain indoor storage of trash.

- Update on Virescentint
- Update on HHP Drop-Off

40 residents per week. Mostly paint & electronics.

6:45 PM Report about the Council on Aging trip to the Casella MRF

The visit was very successful as the trip was fully subscribed. Two members of SWAC attended as well. Liza Casella discussed the challenges of the various materials including contamination of plastic bags; efforts to improve the market for glass. 70% of the material is sold domestically. Some paper goes to East Asia, the newest product (tubs and lids, which are mainly polypropylene) go to China. Only 8% is residue (trash) which is sent to Wheelabrator in Saugus.

6:55 PM Plans/Initiatives for 2016-2017

The automated collection Warrant Article passed nearly unanimously with some changes. Trash regulations to be revised for the new system. Note that overflow bags will be 30 gal.

7:15 PM Other business – Schnitzer Metals Recovery Field Trip

Visit date still to be determined. Perhaps over the summer.