

DRAFT Chelmsford Recycling Committee Minutes

September 5, 2019

Town Offices, Room 200, 7:00 pm

Members Attending: Mark Gallagher, Rebecca Gore, Lee Williams, Cynthia Fiekers, Karen Willis, Jocelyn Demuth, Stephen Maher, Melissa Joyce

Members Absent: Kevin Goscila, Aaron Cunningham

Visitors: Emily Antul, Board of Selectmen, Kristina Bruce and Dan Carey, Chelmsford Friends of Music

Business

Chelmsford Friends of Music Bottle & Can Drive

Kristina Bruce and Dan Carey from the Chelmsford Friends of Music discussed the bottle and can drive that takes place the second Saturday of each month from March to November.

The Friends of Music collect a remarkable number of bottles and cans every year – the group forecasts over 180,000 pieces, which is expected to raise over \$7,000 for school music programs in 2019.

The group is looking for volunteers to collect and sort bottles. The committee could help with events or help find volunteers for the events.

Meeting Minutes

The August meeting minutes were approved, with amendments.

Warrant Article

Committee members discussed the upcoming plastic bag reduction warrant article. Aaron is planning to present the warrant article at upcoming Committee of Finance and Board of Selectmen.

Stephen discussed ways to reach out to town meeting representatives to earn their support for the article. This included recruiting town residents to call and e-mail their town representatives for their support.

New Sustainability Coordinator

Melissa Joyce discussed her first few weeks on the job as the town sustainability coordinator and her future plans to support recycling programs. She discussed the possibility of putting together a Recycling Day and the efforts of the committee to find a permanent site for a drop-off site or swap shop center.

Committee members discussed several events and initiatives that the Committee supported in the past, along with some plans for future events.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 3rd.