

**Boylston Waste and Recycling Committee
Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2023**

Date: September 18, 2023

Time: 6PM

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

Committee Member Attendees: George Barrette, Kathy Johnson, Larry Iannetti

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barrette at 6:04PM.

Motion by Ms. Johnson to accept the meeting minutes of August 14, 2023, seconded by Mr. Iannetti. Minutes passed unanimously.

Chairperson Barrette informed the Committee that committee member Rob Thibeault had resigned from the Board of Health and the Waste and Recycling Committee.

Chairperson Barrette reported on his presentation to the Board of Selectman on September 11, 2023 where he gave an update of the Waste and Recycling's Committee's work to date. He also requested approval from the Board for the Committee to: 1) to meet as appropriate with waste and recycling haulers to compile necessary information for a town curbside pickup program; and 2) work with the Town Clerk to include a citizen survey prepared by the Committee in the upcoming town census materials.

The Committee discussed the draft survey and suggested edits, various methods to distribute, and potential costs. The committee also discussed what was needed to prepare to meet with private haulers such as an introductory letter.

Irene Congdon, the Central District Municipal Assistance Coordinator for Mass DEP, informed the committee that the Town's recent request for a MassDEP's technical assistance grant has been approved to assist the Town with a Pay as You Throw project. Ms. Congdon updated the Committee on the Town's application for a MassDEP Recycling Dividend Program grant and the award timing in the Fall of 2023.

The committee discussed next steps to prepare a letter to haulers, finalize the resident survey document for inclusion in Town's annual census mailing, and update the survey data for current costs of private curbside pickup.

The Committee set their next meeting for October 23, 2023 at 6pm.

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