

Meeting Minutes

Pay As You Throw Working Group

January 28, 2020

Working Group Members	Present	Working Group Members	Present
David Ayer (DA)	Y	Elisabeth DePietro (ED)	Y
Laurie Bent (LB) Chair	Y	Leon Gaumond (LG) Non-Voting	N
Thomas Cullen (TC) Non-Voting	Y	Jacquelyn Jackson (JJ) Non-Voting	Y
Thomas Darling (TD)	Y	Philip Saunders (PS)	Y

Others Present: Julia Greene – Municipal Assistance Coordinator, Mass DEP – Waste Reduction

Heather Hathaway - Resident

No.	Description	Action
1.	A meeting of the Weston Pay-as-You-Throw Working Group was held, as duly posted, in the Town Hall and called to order at 4:30 PM.	-
2.	Laurie Bent reported on her visits to Wellesley, Wayland, Acton and Littleton transfer stations: Wellesley – Huge Recycling area, treat trash / recycling as commodity Wayland – PAYT, single stream recycling, charge for bulk (cash, check, charge) Littleton – PAYT, Consortium of 12 towns for recycled material (Groton Glass), Scouts handle redeemable bottles, Swap Shop Problematic, Mattresses \$ 25 Acton – Precise Recycling, Textiles are revenue positive, run by one person Takeaways – Education important, Contamination of recyclables issue	Members asked to visit transfer stations prior to next meeting
3.	Julia Greene commented that food waste is 31% of total solid waste and that 11 – 12% is “true” waste.	-
4.	Group had a discussion regarding food waste and that Black Earth is currently picking up in Newton on weekly basis for a fee. Tom Cullen commented that Black Earth has expressed an interest in creating a composting area at Meriam Street leaf area. Julia stated that Manchester, MA has started similar program with Black Earth. Concerns are truck traffic, odors and animals.	-
5.	Private haulers were discussed regarding amount of recycling, where do they haul. Board of Health issues permits to haulers annually and have regulations	Elisabeth DePietro to provide copy of regulations
6.	It was agreed that this group should issue a progress report to the Select Board by the end of March to facilitate any action items potentially needed for Town Meeting.	-
7.	Some of the town data provided in the Solid Waste Report was incorrect. It was decided to update some of the town data using US Census data.	David Ayer to update 10 towns data
8.	Minutes of January 7, 2020 were approved as submitted by Phil Saunders.	
9.	During Resident Comments Heather Hathaway stated the group should look back at what previous groups had researched. She also felt improvements are needed at swap shed.	-
10.	Two meeting dates were set. March 17, 2020 4:30 pm March 31, 2020 4:30 pm	-

Respectfully submitted: David Ayer