

SWAT meeting minutes - January 24, 2024

Present: Julianne deRivera, Norma Chanis, Duane Henry, Ann Ramminger, Kristina Pedone

Chanis calls the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Pedone motions to approve minutes from SWAT's last meeting December 7, 2023. Chanis seconds. Vote is unanimous to accept minutes.

Chanis discusses her revision to SWAT's second presentation to the Select Board this evening; see attachment below.

Next we discussed the success of SWAT's first textile drive January 8th- 13th; a total of 3,406 pounds of textiles were collected. Helpsy was responsible and reliable in delivering and picking up the bins on January 8. West Boylston earned 15 cents per pound, approximately \$511. The next textile drive will be held on April 20th, WB's Clean-up Day. Chanis noted that the Senior Center was fine with 'hosting' the Clean-Up Day outside. deRivera wondered if SWAT could collect compost and recyclables that day on site. Additionally, possibly providing free cycling bins. The large compost bins will be available and discounted to \$25 at the WWRRC in the Spring.

Chanis and Henry will be touring Casella's trash and recycling plant in Southbridge along with community members from Princeton and Boylston on January 31st.

Next meeting will be on February 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

SWAT then moved upstairs at 5:45pm to participate in a joint meeting with the Select Board at 6:00pm. Select Board members present were Kristina Pedone, Marc Frieden (remote), Patrick Crowley, and James Morrissey. Absent was Barur Rajeshkumar.

There was no public comment during the open forum time. Chanis presented the highlights of her revised handout (with hard copies passed out to present board members). The bag fee increase recommendation was accepted, with one abstention. The effective date was decided for March 1st.

Chanis moves to adjourn the meeting; Henry seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

Submitted by
Julianne de Rivera, SWAT Clerk

