

City of Watertown  
Meeting Notice and Agenda

Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee

Date: March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: 124 Orchard Street or virtual

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:10

Welcome and introduction of members and visitors

**Present:** (In Person): Anya Pforzheimer, Leslie Evans, Alexandra Somers Lahr, Judy Fallows, Eileen Ryan (on-line): Meher

### **Actions**

1. **Approve the minutes** from February meeting - move to approve by Eileen R, second by Judy - unanimously approved

### III. DPW updates

#### A. Overview of MassRecycle Event

MassRecycle is a non-profit, it's funded by the state. Anya made a presentation at their event about.

B. Anya, Judy and Elizabeth Kaplan are presenting about school composting program at the Mass Farm and Sea to School Conference on March 23 in Northampton

IV. Continued discussion of recycling ordinance, from the previous meeting. Open for questions and comments and brainstorming. Members should be bringing annotated copies of the documents to discuss.

This Ordinance is about what trash and compost the city DPW will pick up, there are other collections of trash and garbage which are picked up by commercial haulers at large buildings and businesses. These are not covered by this ordinance. The ordinance covers:

- Mandatory recycling is required to be collected for all residents
- Only totes are picked up by the city, no dumpsters (except a few grandfathered in)
- Mandatory offering of composting service for residents
- We want to add something to the ordinance about also requiring collection of recycling and the option for composting in all city buildings

We are planning to write a letter the city council to support this new ordinance from the SWARC

## V. Open Discussion

Farmer's market table at 6/19, 7/17, 9/18

a. New ideas for outreach/ programs/ discussions

Cafeteria Culture - how can we get these concepts into the WPS cafeterias? Who is the best contact?

## VI. Adjourn 6:00 pm