

**Conservation Commission Meeting, Via Zoom  
August 20, 2020**

Minutes taken by Ruth Gutman

Present at the meeting were members:

John Bozak, Ruth Gutman, George Main, Dan Blanchette, Ed Cheever

Guests: Pete Lachapelle from Waste Management

The meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order by John via Zoom at 6:34 PM.

Minutes from the July 16 meeting were approved.

Recycling

Pete Lachapelle outlined some options for the town to begin recycling again in a limited capacity. Single stream still very costly and the commodities market still down.

There are two options the town could consider:

- 1) The least expensive option that could give a rebate to the town would be to begin recycling cardboard. It's about \$60/ton right now and could give the town back maybe \$10 or \$15/ton.
- 2) The town could opt to begin separating out glass. It would not be recycled, but would be repurposed by Waste Management. It costs more to throw it away – so this would save room in the landfill and save the town money.

In either case, we would need to add some another container of some kind for glass (probably an open top 20 yard container), and most likely convert one hopper to cardboard. We would also need to take action on educating the town on what can and cannot be recycled, and be attentive to what's going in the hoppers for it to be effective.

The meeting came to an abrupt end at 7:05 PM due to our free Zoom account limit.

The next meeting will be September 17.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Gutman