

Minutes of the climate and environment committee, March 14, 2016, Town Hall, 7pm

Present: Susan Blacklow, Francis Kline, Jay Endleman, Elizabeth MacDonald, Cindy Tewksbury, Vicky Taplin, Paul Magnusson

Absent: Julia Craighill, Barney Rush, Chandrani Ghosh, Gabrielle Fontana, Sarah Brophy

The committee discussed the fact that Chevy Chase village police station has continuous capacity to accept medicines for disposal. They will, however, only accept pills, not liquids or needles.

The committee also followed up on an item regarding the amount of recycling the town is doing using single-stream. Although there have been concerns that the recycling can be contaminated (because, for example, grease gets on the papers and cardboard), overall, Montgomery county loses only approximately 10 percent of its recycling to contamination. Since going to single stream recycling, the town has increased its recycling generally.

The committee then discussed the difficulty of getting information regarding the effect of the Montgomery county pesticide ban on homeowners in the town. The committee discussed possible avenues for getting the information such as calls to county officials and other similar sources.

The committee next discussed updates on the compost crew program.

The committee also discussed outstanding items, such as the possibility of doing a solicitation from the town on how to reduce trash.

The committee adjourned at 8:30 pm.