

WMEC Charter

Approved by Select Board September 27, 2022

Objectives

- Provide a comprehensive report and recommendation to the Select Board with the aim of reducing total residential town waste (any residential disposal that goes to the Wheelabrator incinerator that is paid for by the town) in alignment with the MA DEP waste reduction goals of 30% by 2030
 - Increase recycling and composting
 - Decrease contamination of recycling and composting streams

Deliverables

- Analysis of current waste management data and amount of each subgroup (Trash, Recycling, and Composting at the Transfer Station and Curbside)
- Analysis of public and private cost to residents (budget line item for Waste, Transfer Station stickers, curbside payments) for Westborough's current waste management program
- Evaluate potential longer-term operational models and shorter-term initiatives that
 - reduce Total Waste by increasing recycling and composting
 - decrease contamination of recycling and composting streams
- Make recommendations to the Select Board on short-term initiatives if needed
- Present the comprehensive plan to the Select Board (SB)

Timeline

- Interim reports to Select Board/Town
 1. Review of this charter – September 2022
 2. Review of current data, including any meetings as appropriate (Harvey's meeting, DEP meeting, etc.) –September to November 2022
 3. Recommendation to SB on the proposed go-forward plan-Dec 2022 to March 2023
 4. Solicit feedback from Committees and community members-April to June 2023
 5. Make final recommendation to the Select Board-July 2023
 6. Submit warrant article-Aug 2023
 7. Fall Town Meeting – Oct 2023
 8. Disband WMEC – Oct 2023
- Timeline will be modified as needed based on feedback received