

RECYCLING IS ALIVE IN FRENCHTOWN TOWNSHIP!

In November 2019, the Frenchtown Charter Township recycling program was discontinued. At that time, the residents received bi-weekly, curbside recycling, but due to unanticipated high costs for the renewal of curbside recycling, it was determined to end the contract.

Trustee Alan VanWashenova offered to chair an advisory committee to draft a proposal to once again provide a recycling option for the residents and taxpayers of Frenchtown Charter Township. Other members of the committee are Frenchtown residents Mary Kittle, Amy Roelant, Jan Saez, and Christopher VanWashenova.

The Committee began researching and gathering information in January, 2020 and met on a regular basis until March, 2020 when COVID-19 regulations created a shutdown. Prior to the shutdown, information was gathered and exchanged from various recycling facilities. Feedback was also gathered from other township residents, along with the Frenchtown Township Charter Facebook and Web pages. At the end of May, a visit was made to Wyandotte, Michigan, which has a recycling drop-off center. Wyandotte was chosen as they have an established, successful recycling program with a population base close to the size of Frenchtown Township. The committee also received valuable information from Kevin Shipman from Stevens Disposal and Recycling Service, Inc., regarding the recycling process from beginning to end.

In July 2020, the committee submitted to the Frenchtown Charter Township Board a detailed proposal outlining the recommendations for a new recycling program. In August 2020, the board approved the recommendations, and the committee is currently working on selecting the site for a recycling collection center. To be in compliance with Township Ordinances, the committee has the help and guidance of the Building Department. A design for the site is being prepared that will be environmentally friendly and visually appealing.

If you have any suggestions with regard to making the facility more “green”, please contact Trustee Alan VanWashenova or email the Recycling Advisory Committee at recycle@frenchtownchartertwp.org.