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To: Mayor; Ron Schulhof

Subject: Re: proposed collection changes

Dan, we have lived here for 34 years and, like you, have seen and applauded what we have done as a village.

We are aware that many towns around us have weekly collection of all recyclables. We remember the days when there was no pickup and we had to make the effort to bring ALL recyclables to the Center on Secor Road!!

We are not opposed to these changes but there are some concerns which need to be considered.

As you know, we do have many elderly citizens (NOT us yet) for whom dragging the recyclables curbside would be difficult. And, if that is implemented, it's a start to have to drag our regular garbage cans to the curb, which we would strenuously object to!! IF the change is being done to encourage more recycling, it's hard to argue against that. IF the change is being done for primarily budget reasons, that's not good enough because the cost should be pretty much the same since the entire village is being covered bi-weekly with backdoor service.

The curbside composting collection idea is trickier. Honestly, we have not joined the program because it's just not easy to save and then carry the scraps over to Secor Road. We would join if there was a pickup. But, as Rona Shamoon so stated in her letter to SI last week, we are encouraging a terrible rodent/animal problem if not thought out well. Our section of Walworth is close to the Bronx River and, for years, we were tormented by raccoons and skunks. That problem had abated over the years but we still have the occasional animal pulling over our trash can. We agree with Ms. Shamoon and only ask that considerable thought be given to how the pickup would be handled. I would also add cautiously that my neighbors and we agree that the Sanitation group has not been as fastidious about their pickups as in previous years. Especially on the recycling weeks, papers, cans, and bottles are strewn down many streets.

Thanks for replying to my note. We only ask that, whatever it is decided, you all discuss it thoroughly from all sides.

Steve