

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2011**

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Committee Attendance: P. Margolin, G. Moretti, M. Srugis, J. Wissler, D. Himes, B. Kerry (DPW Liaison),

Others: J. Sadler, (BL 2011 Liaison)

Meeting started at 7:05 PM

Agenda

Housekeeping Issues (10)

Acceptance of minutes

New column in the *Times*

Last month's actions

Littering in town – subcommittee meeting (30)

BL2011 planning (25)

Goals & Committee format for 2011 (25)

- Housekeeping issues:
 - Minutes from February meeting were accepted unanimously
 - Paul talked about Gail's columns in the Londonderry Times. Gail is working on a new column about recycling
 - Paul talked about the milk carton recycling program in the middle and high schools. The program is not working due to milk cartons not being totally emptied and the collection container is smelly and attracts vectors. Chuck Zappala is going to discontinue the program. There was some discussion with trying it in the elementary schools.
 - It was mentioned that there has been personnel changes within Allied Waste, which has caused some delays getting information back to SWAC. Bruce Stanas is now in charge and is communicating with SWAC. Allied Waste will be honoring the scholarships that were previously set up.
 - There was some discussion on how to get the recycling rate with in the Town up to 45% or more. Some of the ideas included a smaller waste container, single stream recycling, pay-as-you throw program or charge per weight of trash thrown away.
 - Vinnie Curro has been contacted to look at possible updates to the solid waste videos that he had previously made.

- BL2011 – Joel Sadler talked about status of BL 2011. The subcommittee had a meeting and Joel, Kerri and Maureen have been hard at work planning the program and they have sent out the list the list the sponsors that need to be contacted over the next two weeks. Each member of the SWAC will make calls

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to sponsors that are assigned to them. Dan Root and Jeff Stone also attended the BL 2011 meeting. ALERT discussed the need for more volunteers. Dan Root (Pathfinders) and Jeff Stone (ALERT) and Indian Pathfinders are assisting the BL 2011 subcommittee with setting up the 2011 event. Paul said that he contacted Capt. Tatham and told him that they would not need police escorts for BL 2011. There was discussion regarding tokens for BL 2011. The discussion included the possibility of not distributing tokens at BL 2011 or possible future events. There was discussion that maybe the tokens could be iPOD download cards or free food items at the local food vendors for the younger participants. No decision was made regarding the tokens for this year. That will happen at the next meeting. Gail indicated that she had sent out the BL 2011 poster flyers by e-mail. Twelve movie tickets were donated for the winning poster contestants.

- Litter Subcommittee – Paul said that the subcommittee has had a few meetings and that there are approximately 11 members on the committee. The subcommittee is already looking into ways to police the littering issue in Town.
- Other issues:
 - The drop of center construction has not restarted yet due to the volume of snow still on the ground. Bob indicated that it is day-to-day process but they will get in there as soon as they can. At this time it is expected to open in early May however it could be pushed back a week or two depending on the snowmelt.
 - Gail said that the Stonyfield race needs volunteers to run the waste and recycling stations.
 - Bob discussed the littering signs and indicated that since they were not safety related signs the planning board and the safety committee did not need to approve them.
 - Marty (Open Space Liaison) reminded everyone one to fill out the open space survey on line.
- Meeting ended at 9:00 PM.