

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2011**

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

Others: T. Lynch, (Allied Waste)

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

Agenda

Acceptance of minutes (5)

Status of Solid Waste contracts and ideas for reducing waste (60)

Communication of scholarships

BL 2011 plans (5) - Paul

Welcome Sign sponsors (5) - Paul

Poster Contest (5) – Gail

Drop Off Center status (5) - Bob

- Acceptance of Minutes:
 - Minutes from the April meeting were accepted unanimously

- Status of Solid Waste Contracts:
 - Paul introduced Tom Lynch from Allied Waste. Tom is the recycling coordinator for Allied Waste.
 - Tom discussed how the recycling aspects of our contract were going and said that the Town was doing great on handling the recycling program.
 - Tom discussed with the committee possible ways that we might be more successful in increasing our recycling rate such as pay-as-you throw, single stream, etc.
 - Tom said that the one thing that he would like to see change is the use of plastic bags to hold the recyclables. The bags are a problem with the recycling equipment. He is also checking into why there is paper and commingles being mixed in the trucks.

- Poster Contest:
 - Gail showed the committee that there were pictures in the local paper about the winners of the poster contest. The winners received movies tickets from Apple Tree Cinemas. She said that she had three posters left that had not been put on display and that she would find somewhere to place them.

- Welcome Signs:
 - Paul discussed that the sponsor's signs, at the Welcome Signs, were in need of repair at a few locations. Duane said that he would take care of repairing the sponsor's signs.
- BL2011 – Things appear to be running as expected. The Stonyfield race was a success. There were more people and groups signed up this year than last year. The donations for BL 2011 were estimated at \$5,000.
- Litter Subcommittee – The subcommittee is working hard at developing their strategy. It was discussed that the subcommittee needed to go to the SWAC and Town Council to get approval for the course of action they wanted to take.
- Drop-Off Center – Donna passed around a few pictures of the drop-off center and said that it would be open on May 14th.
- Meeting ended at 8:50 PM.