

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2011
Secretary: Duane Himes**

Committee Attendance: P. Margolin (PM), G. Stewart (GS), Gail Moretti (GM), Marty Srugis (MS), D. Himes (DH), and B. Kerry (BK) (DPW Liaison)

Others: Kathleen Bailey, Londonderry Times

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

Agenda

Housekeeping: (5)

Acceptance of minutes

Drop Off Center status – Bob

Misc Issues (40)

ALAC status – Gary

Master Plan Comm. - Marty

Gotbooks –Bob, Gary, Dave, Paul

Allied Waste added recyclables- Bob, Gail

Plastics 1 – 7 ready?

Plastics dumpster at the DO Center

Environmental Coalition idea – Dave

Monument clean up: Heritage Comm. – Marty

Recycling of 10 lb. gas and rechargeable batteries (5)

The state of waste mgt & recycling – Duane & Bob (40)

PM discussed with BK about Kelsey (DPW summer intern) and how she worked out for the summer and then discussed Republic's scholarships that they offer for students in the environmental field of studies.

- Acceptance of Minutes:
 - Minutes from the July meeting were accepted unanimously
- BK talked about the drop off center (DO) and how things are going well at the DO. There has been a lot of brush brought to the DO because of tropical storm Irene. There was discussion on what to do with leaves, grass and other yard waste due to the lack of space at the DO to perform any composting activities. It was mentioned that the Concord Fryer Oil Company might be an outlet for materials that could be composted.

- GS did not have any recent updates from the ALAC. MS said, based on his observations, that part of the litter problem at the LAFA fields as well as at businesses around Town are that trash containers are overflowing because they are not emptied on a regular basis.
- MS talked about the Master Plan Committee because he is now on that committee and he has been requesting that they consider solid waste issues as they look at the Master Plan for the town.
- BK discussed the sizes of the GOTBOOKS containers at the Town Hall complex. It would appear that the container that is located at the Town Hall is one of the larger sized containers for the volume of books that we get. It would appear that the library will have to find a way to get rid of their books other than this container.
- There was discussion on Republic's acceptance of all recycled plastics except for films and styrofoam. Plastics with numbers 3 and 6 are now acceptable in the curbside recycling program provided that they are of a size that can be placed in the trucks. There was discussion about placing a roll off container at the DO so that residents can dispose of larger plastics objects such as 5 gallon buckets, playhouses, etc. GM will inquire about a cost to have an article in the paper that discusses what can be recycled and where it can be recycled.
- MS is also on the Heritage Commission and said that they are discussing building design issues and how they can maintain the New England flavor to new building designs.
- There was discussion on the recycling of rechargeable batteries and propane containers. It was stated that Home Depot will take rechargeable batteries. BK and DH will look into where the small green propane containers might be able to be recycled as well as the larger 20 gallon propane tanks.
- GM is looking for ideas for articles to be placed in the Londonderry Times newspaper column.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection day has been set for November 19, 2011 at the LAFA Fields parking lot.
- Meeting ended at 8:50 PM.