

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 12, 2012 (DC Himes)  
(DRAFT)**

Committee Attendance: Paul Margolin, Amy Finamore, Gary Stewart, Duane Himes, and Bob Kerry (DPW Liaison).

Others: Brian Edwards (trashetc.com)

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

**Agenda**

Housekeeping: (10)

    Acceptance of minutes

    Propane recycling - Bob

NHDES ideas for columns (20)

Committee Goals (60)

Housekeeping

Paul announced that Amy Finamore was now a member of SWEC. Visiting Londonderry businessman Brian Edwards was introduced. Brian is interested in helping the SWEC and may want to join our ranks. It was also announced that Gail Moretti and Neil Jackson-Smith had resigned from their positions on the committee.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Bob – the Gotbooks container issue has been resolved and minor site work needs to be done around the container. This site work should be done shortly.
- Bob - Still investigating recycling of small propane cans at the drop off center. The prospects are looking good that this will happen. Bob is in discussions with a company that might take both the larger and smaller containers. He hopes to have that details worked out shortly.

The committee members went over some of the topics (from NHDES articles) that they felt were appropriate to write about regarding solid waste and recycling issues. These articles would be published in the Going Green column in the Londonderry Times.

Some of the topics were:

- How to get rid of your household electronic gadgets
- Is Compostable Plastic an Oxymoron
- How to be lead free
- How do you dispose of unwanted medications
- Pollution Prevention – Raising the Bar
- Free Cycling – Trash to Treasure

The committee discussed, in more detail, what goals they wanted to pursue for 2012. The list of goals discussed included:

1. Unused pharmaceutical take back days. The committee would work with the Police Department to help promote the safe disposal of pharmaceuticals.
2. Help to promote fund raisers that take back e-waste.
3. Research recycling rates in other Towns to compare to Londonderry's rate. Look at how they get their rates higher and see if it is something that we can promote and use.
4. Prepare a list of hard to manage wastes and find ways to dispose of them.
5. Look into ways we can increase the Town's recycling rate.
6. Prepare articles for the Going Green column in Londonderry Times.

Meeting ended at 8:55 PM.