

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2012
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: Brian Edwards (trashetc.com)

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

Agenda

Housekeeping: (10)
 Acceptance of minutes
 GotBooks Grading/Propane recycling – Bob
 Welcome Signs - Paul
Committee Goals (70)
NHDES ideas for columns (10)

Housekeeping

Paul announced that Brian Edwards has given him the paperwork to become a committee member. Paul will submit the paperwork to Margo for processing.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Bob – the Gotbooks container grading issue has been resolved. The DPW will review how the entrance ramp to the container works.
- Bob - Still investigating recycling of small propane cans at the drop off center. The prospects are looking good that this will happen shortly. 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.
- Paul discussed the Welcome Signs and said that Shady Hill will be maintaining the sign near the Yard. Paul gave Duane a new sign to put on the small sign post at the sign.
- Paul discussed the medical prescription take back day that the Londonderry Police held. He said that it was successful. The committee will help to promote the next drop off day when it happens.

The committee discussed, in more detail, what goals they wanted to pursue for 2012 and how we might pursue them. Those goals that were discussed included:

1. The committee will continue to educate the public regarding solid waste and recycling issues through the use of Going Green columns in the Londonderry Times, letters to the editor, cable videos. Also, a discussion on the cost of solid waste in our taxes.
2. Prepare new cable videos on HHW Day, curbside program, the Drop Off Center. The committee will come up with some talking points for Vinnie to use in the videos.
3. Research ways we can increase the Town's recycling rate and decrease the trash tonnage.
4. Research recycling programs in other Towns to compare to Londonderry's program.
5. Promote the LPD drug collection events.
6. Identify and address hard to manage wastes and find ways to dispose or recycle of them (e.g. propane tanks, C&D materials, Styrofoam, etc.).

There was some discussion on the recycling of textiles. It was noted that Eco-Smith on Industrial Drive at the airport will pay for some textiles.

Meeting ended at 8:35 PM.