

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

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

Others: None

Meeting started at 7:05 PM

Agenda

Updates

Housekeeping: (10)

Acceptance of minutes
Propane, GotBooks grading Bob
Welcome Signs Paul
BL2012 statistics Paul

Actions: (40)

Update of SWEC website Paul
NH DES columns Paul
SWEC website
NH DES topics
Bedford 48 gal cart Duane
C&D opp'ties Duane
Next drug take back date Duane
Wolfeboro process Duane
Composting article Amy
Sports equip & boxes Marty (April 2013?)
NH recycling stats online Donna
Recycling opportunities Gary

Committee goals (40)

Video talking points – brainstorm
Solid waste – impact on our taxes (fall)
Ways to increase recycling
Collaboration with ConComm, SewComm, other

Housekeeping

Acceptance of Minutes:

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Bob – The DPW is reviewing how the entrance ramp to the GOTBOOKS container is working out as far as access to the container. The issue of the GOTBOOKS container is done and will be removed from the agenda.
- Bob - Still investigating recycling of small propane cans at the drop off center. 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 all of the signs have been planted and are being maintained.
- Paul discussed the BL program. He had a meeting with the subcommittee to go over the details. It was a down year for contributions and group involvement. It was discussed that having the anti-litter campaign just before BL might have had an effect on the participation. Paul will investigate this issue.

Actions

The committee discussed, in more detail, what actions and goals they wanted to pursue for 2012 and how we might pursue them. The following actions/goals were discussed:

- Paul is working on the committee's website to update the information on the website. Also, he is considering placing the Going Green articles on the website.
- Paul talked about the list of NHDES articles that we might use to generate articles to be placed in the Londonderry Times.
- Duane talked about the Town of Bedford, MA recycling and waste collection program. Specifically, they use a 48 gallon container for waste collection. Their recycling rate is around 32%.
- Duane is still looking into the possibility of having the C&D materials at the drop off center taken to a processing center in Salem or Epping.
- Duane will find out when the next LPD drug take back day will be. The committee will help to promote the LPD drug collection.
- Amy is writing an article for the Londonderry Times on composting.
- Marty will call the football department from the High School to see what is being done with the disposal of the football equipment from each year. There was discussion on the possibility of collecting old sports equipment and recycling it.
- Bob is working with Donna on getting newer information on recycling rates for different Towns in New Hampshire.
- Gary is looking at the website to make sure that the plastics recycling information is up to date.
- Paul is planning on going to other commission meetings to look at areas where there might be synergy between the committees.

- Paul said that Vinnie Curro will be updating the cable videos on HHW Day, curbside program, and the Drop Off Center. The committee will come up with some talking points for Vinnie to use in the videos

Meeting ended at 8:25 PM.