

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 11, 2017  
(DC Himes)**

Committee Attendance: Paul Margolin, Joy Muller, Gary Stewart, Duane Himes and Bob Kerry (DPW liaison).

Others: none

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

**Agenda:**

**Housekeeping (15)**

Acceptance of minutes	All
Going Green Columns	All
Sharps Collection	Bob, Lynn
Other news	All
Actions	All

**Main topics (75)**

Small Business Outreach	All
Fluorescent Recycling	
Unconscious Recycling Ideas	All
NRRA Outreach letter	Paul
Drop Off Center signage	Paul
Membership / Handout	Gary
Website content	Rick

**Future months**

Goals and future projects	All
Latest NRRA meeting	Bob

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**Actions**

Bob:

- Update the flyer on “What to do when the Drop Off Center is closed.” (still working).
- Determine the latest recycling diversion rate since the launch of the new recycling program (still working waiting for July results).
- Check with IT on video software format (still working).

Joy:

- Help Bob with a column or letter to the editor regarding “What to do when the Drop Off Center is closed” (still working).
- To work with Erin Brodman at the Access Center over the next few months on revisions to the HHW Day video. Some changes have been made to video (still working).
- To write a blurb on the SWEC recruitment for insertion in some of the Town’s neighborhood websites (still working).

Paul:

- Update the Committee’s achievements on our homepage (still working).
- Speak with Conservation Committee about collaborating on monthly columns in the Londonderry Times (still working).
- Looking for a new landscaper to take over Route 28 Welcome Sign (still working).

Lynn:

- Ask a pharmacy or two if they would be willing to help us promote safe disposal by making our handout available (still working).

Rick:

- Improvements to Committee homepage contents (still working).

All:

- Homework: Think of an example of “unconscious recycling” for a future column.
- Homework: Check your part of town for any public spaces that would-be candidates for planting flowers / shrubs at next year’s BL event, and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

### **Columns**

**Printed:**        **Helping the bees (Joy)**  
                      **Safe Disposal of Sharps Waste (Paul)**

**Submitted:**   **None**

**Ready:**        **Battery disposal by type**  
                      **Xmas tree choices**

**Planned:**      **Plastic Recycling Codes (Paul)**  
                      **Unconscious Recycling (Paul)**  
                      **What to do when the Drop Off Center is closed (Joy)**  
                      **Milk carton recycling at South School (Joy)**

### **Housekeeping & Misc.**

#### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

The minutes from the July meeting were approved

- Joy’s article on bees and pollination was in the Londonderry Times (LT). It was so good that it was published again. Paul’s article on the new sharps kiosk was also in the times. At present, there are no new Going Green articles ready to be published.
- Bob said that the sharps collection kiosk has been working out well. The collection bin was half full during the first month of operation. He said that the bin

- was full the second month of collection. It might be possible that the collection period might need to be shortened to offer more bin space. The Fire Department will be using the kiosk to help get rid of loose sharps that they find when they are out in Town.
- Paul met with the conservation commission to discuss the possibility of them contributing articles to the LT. Deb Lievens will be the conservation commission point of contact for the articles.

### Main Topics

- Bob discussed how the Wednesday evening drop off center operations were doing. He said that based on how things have gone over the first month of operation, that there appears to be interest in having the drop off on Wednesday during the summer months. The DPW is considering running this program next year as well.
- Bob said that collection of cardboard has been a big item since there are a lot of cardboard boxes being used to ship online shopping items.
- Bob stated that the DPW is also considering a holiday season pick up of Christmas time recyclables for the upcoming season.
- Paul talked about the fluorescent light recycling program. Gary said that he now has time to focus on finalizing his route. Joy is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  done with her route.
- Bob said that he is trying to track what percentage of lights might be coming from Benson's pick up and what percentage coming from businesses.
- Paul handed out a flyer that was revised that will be used for trying to recruit new members to our committee. The committee reviewed the flyer and all were in agreement that it was ready to be used.
- The committee discussed the possibility of getting new signs made up for the drop off center. The existing signs are old. There was also a committee discussion on renaming the drop off center to something new and more in line with present day efforts for recycling and reuse of materials that are collected there.
- The committee reviewed the information Paul handed out on the NRRRA School Recycling Club. The NRRRA would send someone into the schools to try and set up a recycling effort. The committee discussed the possibility of having that person come to a meeting so we could see if their objectives align with the committee's objectives. The committee will put some more thought into this program.
- Joy discussed the efforts that are being done at South School as far as recycling efforts.
- The meeting ended at 9:00 PM.