

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 10, 2017  
(DC Himes)**

Committee Attendance: Paul Margolin, Joy Muller, Lynn Wiles, Rick Darveau, Duane Himes and Bob Kerry (DPW liaison).

Others: none

Meeting started at 7:05 PM

**Agenda:**

**Housekeeping (15)**

Acceptance of minutes	All
Going Green Columns	All
Next?	
Con Comm	
Membership / Handout	Gary
D/O Center flyer & form	Paul
(NRRRA Outreach letter)	Joy
Other news	All

**Main topics (75)**

Small Business Outreach	All
Fluorescent Recycling	
HHW Day / Oil Collection Day	Bob
Pharmacy sharps flyers / video	Lynn
Drop Off Center signage / name	Paul/Bob
Website content	Rick
Unconscious Recycling Ideas	All
BL gardening spots	All
Actions	All

**Future months**

Goals and future projects	All
Latest NRRRA meeting	Bob

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**Actions**

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.**

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).
- Edit the Drop Off Center flyer concerning fluorescents
- To inform Marty Srugis and Vinnie Curro about SWEC flyers at Oil collection days
- Talk to Janusz about new signs and a new name for the Drop Off Center
- Talk to Janusz about removing the old No Parking sign at Nelson Fields situated where people have been allowed to park for years

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).
- To talk to 1-2 PTA groups about participating in Beautify Londonderry

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 (to address again in the spring).
- Follow up again with Kirby regarding Lynn and Rick's membership listing
- Draft columns on Xmas trees, and Haz Waste / Oil collection day Nov 18; get feedback and send to the Times in the fall

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).
- Follow up with Kirby Brown re: his membership
- Explore the SWEC and DPW websites to see if the info there can be better organized

### **Columns**

**Printed:                   None lately**

**Submitted:               None lately**

**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)**
- Composting (Rick)**
- Making paper logs (Rick)**
- HH Waste Day (Paul)**
- Choosing an Xmas Tree (Paul)**

## **Housekeeping & Misc.**

### Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the September meeting were approved

- Paul discussed the Going Green Columns and which articles he has in the queue for submittal. The two articles are one on battery disposal and the other is on picking out a Christmas tree. Bob asked that Paul send the Christmas tree article to the committee members to review before it is submitted to the Londonderry Times (LT). There was a concern that what is said may affect some of the Christmas Tree businesses in Town.
- Paul stated that he had discussed with the Conservation Committee about them contributing several articles to LT dealing with conservation issues. He said he had received a positive response and that they will hopefully start supplying semi-annual columns on this early in the new year.
- Bob said that he has placed membership handouts in the logbook at the oil collection building for the volunteers to hand out during oil collection days.
- Paul discussed collection of CFL bulbs and lights at the drop off center. The committee discussed the difference, if any, between lights and bulbs as a clarification that might help residents understand that it means both long tubes and CFL bulbs. The committee will review this matter.

### Main Topics

- Paul talked about the fluorescent light recycling program. Since Gary and Joy were not at the meeting at that time there was no discussion.
- Bob discussed HHW day, which is scheduled for Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> at the LAFA fields from 9:00 to 12:00. There will also be an oil collection day at the same time. Bob said that there is a new vendor this year that will collect the HHW and that vendor is MXI. Paul said that he would like to put an article or press release in the LT talking about HHW collection day and items that should not be brought to the collection location such as latex paint and waste oil. Bob provided additional logistics for HHW collection day.
- Lynn has been discussing the sharps collection kiosk with several pharmacies in Londonderry to see if they can let customers know that there is a kiosk in the Town Hall. He still needs to talk with the pharmacy managers from Rite Aid and Hannaford. There was a committee discussion about the possible advantages/disadvantages of letting doctor's offices know about this sharps collection service.

- Rick discussed the importance of making it easy for residents to know what Solid Waste Services are available, and how to use them. He will check out the DPW and SWEC homepages and look for ways to improve the organization of the information.
- The committee discussed ways of unconscious recycling and what those might be. This might be a forum for a future Going Green article. Such items included, using old clothes as rags, sending new or slightly used clothes to clothing reuse stores, finding uses for plastic bags from grocery stores, etc.
- Paul suggested the many rotaries/cul-de-sacs in town as an opportunity for gardeners to volunteer during Beautify Londonderry. Joy suggested doing improvements in the front of Town Hall and the Londonderry Police Department (LPD). Should people maintaining neighborhood sites post a plaque to get some credit?
- The meeting ended at 9:00 PM.