

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2017
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: Stephanie Budowy

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

Agenda:

Housekeeping (15)

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| Acceptance of minutes | All |
| Membership / Handout | Gary |
| Small Business Outreach- Fluorescent Recycling | Gary, Joy |
| Pharmacy sharps flyers / video | Lynn |
| PTAs - NRRRA Outreach letter | Joy |
| HHW Day / Oil Collection Day Prep | Bob |

Main topics (75)

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| Meeting time | All |
| Going Green Columns | All |
| -ConComm | |
| -Schedule for 2018 | |
| Member status | Paul |
| Current list, homepage listing, Renewal, Annual Report | |
| The future of recycling: | |
| China's recycling import news | Duane |
| Latest NRRRA meeting | Bob |
| Actions | All |

Future months

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| Goals and future projects | All |
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Actions

Bob:

- Check with IT on video software format (still working).
- Edit to the Drop Off Center flyer concerning fluorescents

- 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).
- Draft columns on Xmas trees, send to the Times in the fall.

Rick:

- Explore the SWEC and DPW websites to see if the info there can be better organized

Columns

Printed:

HHW Day & Oil – Nov 18

Submitted:

None lately

Ready:

Battery disposal by type

Xmas tree choices – to submit in Nov. for Dec.

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)

Other:

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 October meeting were approved

- 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.
- Bob discussed HHW day, which is scheduled for Saturday November 18th 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.
- Lynn said that he finally was able to speak with the pharmacies at Hannaford and Rite Aid and they agreed that the committee could post information regarding the sharps drop off kiosk at the Town Hall. All of the pharmacies in Londonderry have agreed to allowing the committee to post the sharps kiosk information in their stores.
- Paul discussed the Going Green Columns and which articles he has in the queue for submittal. Also, 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 semiannual columns on this early in the new year. The committee is hoping that the Conservation Commission will be able to prepare an article for the January Londonderry Times (LT). SWEC will prepare an article for February.
- Paul discussed fluorescent bulb outreach program. Joy and Gary gave an update on how their portion of the program was coming along. The committee had a general discussion about the outreach program.
- Paul discussed the issue of what night the committee would meet. There were thoughts of going back to Thursday nights but after some discussion, it was decided to stay on Monday night.
- Paul discussed membership status and stated that Paul, Duane and Gary's memberships come up for renewal during 2018. Otherwise, membership is up and there is only one open position.

Main Topics

- Duane explained what is happening in the recycling marketplace. He had sent out an article regarding how China is going to stop taking recyclables from the rest of the world due to the gross contamination of the recyclables. China is the biggest importer of recyclable materials. The contamination includes glass, food, certain metals other than cans (steel and aluminum). About four years ago, China refused to take certain recyclables in hopes that they could cut down on the volume of contamination. This was known as the Green Fence. Now by the beginning of 2018, they will reject recyclables that have any very low amount of

contamination. If they get rejected, those loads come back to the recycler who as to pay for the return trip on the rejected recyclables.

Bob read a letter from Waste Management that was sent out to all their customers about this very topic. They want the residents of Londonderry to make sure they are following the recycling format the Waste Management had put out when they became our waste services provider. Bob has sent the list of recyclables that is on our website to them asking for a review and to let us know if there is anything that might need to be dropped in order to assure that Londonderry residents are providing allowable recyclables.

- Bob discussed a few of the seminars he attended at the NRRA conference regarding the recycling contamination issue. Bob will provide more detail about the NRRA conference at the next meeting.
- The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.