

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2018
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: None

Meeting started at 7:05 PM

Agenda:

Housekeeping (20)

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| Acceptance of minutes | All | |
| Membership status, email, homepage | Greg | |
| Pharmacy sharps video status | Lynn | |
| PTAs - NRRRA Outreach letter | Joy | |
| Going Green Columns | All | |
| <u>Column Status</u> | | |
| - Jan: Drop Off Center | Joy | tbd |
| - Feb: Nature at your service | ConComm | In hand |
| - Mar: Making Paper Logs | Rick | Due Feb |
| - Apr: tbd | ConComm | Due Mar |

Main topics (70)

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| Latest NRRRA meeting (cont'd) | Bob |
| The recycling market – actions? | All |
| The Drop Off Center, name & signage | All |
| Goals and project ideas for 2018 | All |
| Actions | All |

Future months

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| Small Business Outreach- Fluorescent Recycling | Resume in Spring |
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Actions

Bob:

- Check with IT on video software format (still working).
- Edit to the Drop Off Center flyer concerning fluorescents.
- New signs and a new name for the Drop Off Center [SWEC to discuss].
- MRF contact information to Paul.
- Copies of notes from NRRRA Conference to Paul.
- Check into liability issues of Rick's video on paper logs.

Joy:

- Working with Erin Brodman at the Access Center over the next few months on revisions to the HHW Day video.
- To talk to 1-2 PTA groups about participating in Beautify Londonderry (scheduling for February 2018).

Paul:

- Update the Committee's achievements on our homepage (still working).
- Looking for a new landscaper to take over Route 28 Welcome Sign [to address in the spring].
- Do occasional columns for newspaper about recycling guidelines.
- Research grocery store recycling of plastic bags and collaborate with Joy on column.

Rick:

- Prepare a column on making paper logs and share draft with committee in February.

Gary:

- Check on status of UMass – Lowell organics composting pilot program.

Lynn:

- PSA for Sharps.

Columns

Printed:

Submitted:

Ready:

First Con Com column
Battery disposal by type

Planned:

What to do when the Drop Off Center is closed (Joy)
Making paper logs (Rick)

Proposed:

Plastic Recycling Codes (Paul)
Plastic Bag Recycling (Joy and Paul)
Unconscious Recycling (Paul)
Milk carton recycling at South School (Joy)
Composting (Rick)
Other:

Housekeeping & Misc.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the December meeting were approved

- Paul said that Greg Warner is listed as a member of the SWEC on the Town website.
- Lynn talked about the sharps collection video he is working on with Al Sypek. He is still working on it and hopes to have it completed shortly.
- Joy talked about the PTA meetings to discuss the NRRA outreach letter. She stated that this will happen in February since the school year gets back into its normal operations.
- Paul discussed the Going Green Columns and which articles he has in the queue for submittal. Joy brought copies of two articles she has written for the committee to review. Paul will get her first article on where to take drop off related materials while the drop off center is closed over to Londonderry Times (LT) for publishing. Also, Paul stated that he had discussed with the Conservation Committee about them contributing several articles to Londonderry Times (LT) dealing with conservation issues. He said that he has the February article from the Conservation Commission ready to go. Joy has a possible article on what goes into the blue recycling cart for March. Rick will also consider doing a column about make paper logs from recycled paper.
- The committee discussed recycling plastic film and what to do with it.
- The committee had a discussion on the Town's recycling protocol and what we need to do to make sure the recycling materials are not contaminated.

Main Topics

- Bob discussed the annual NRRA conference that he attended. Last month he spoke about what the keynote speaker had to say. This month he discussed the three other sessions that he attended. Those sessions are as follows:
 1. Plastics – This session was sponsored by Clean Tech Recycling and they talked about their machines that recycled plastic bottles and turns them into pellets for easier reuse of the recycled plastic materials. The presentation mentioned that in Europe about 5% of their plastic bottles are recycled, while in the United States about 0.5% are recycled.
 2. E-Waste – a panel of three companies discussed the issues of trying to recycle e-waste. Those companies were URT, RMG and Good Point. All three mentioned that they have recently been through some challenging times, and that they were each focusing on optimizing their size and developing specialty areas of service. They anticipate at least 5 more years of significant quantities of CRTs requiring disposal.
 3. Glass – in this session there was a discussion on the recycling of glass to use as processed glass road base as well as other uses for highway projects. It appears this is where the majority of all recycled glass will be used. At this point only, small amounts of glass are actually used again to make glass products.

- Rick showed his video on how he makes paper logs for reuse as fireplace materials.
- The committee went over the actions items list and updated the list.
- The meeting ended at 9:15 PM.