

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2018
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: none

Meeting started at 7:00 PM with discussion
Official meeting started at 7:20 PM

Agenda:

Housekeeping (10)

Acceptance of minutes	All	
Video status:		
HHW Day	Joy	
Pharmacy sharps	Lynn	
Going Green Columns:	All	<u>Column Status</u>
- Jan: Drop Off Center Alternatives	Joy	Published
- Feb: Nature at your service	ConComm	Submitted-Published
- Mar: Plastic Film (Part 1)	Paul & Joy	Submitted-Published responses (4)
- Apr: tbd	ConComm	Due in Mar...
- May: tbd	Rick	Composting
	Paul	Plastic Film (Part 2)

Main topics (80)

Composting: Education & local efforts	Rick, Gary
Recycling plastic film initiative	All
The Drop Off Center, name & signage	All
Goals and project ideas for 2018	All

Future months

PTAs - NRRRA Outreach Letter	Joy
The recycling market – actions?	TBD
Small Business Outreach- Fluorescent Recycling	Resume in Spring

Actions

Bob:

- Check with IT on video software format (still working).
- New signs and a new name for the Drop Off Center [SWEC to discuss].

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.

Gary:

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

Lynn:

- PSA for Sharps

Rick:

- Send column update to Paul

Columns

Ready:

Battery disposal by type

Proposed:

Plastic Recycling Codes (Paul)

Plastic Bag Recycling (Joy and Paul)

Unconscious Recycling (Paul)

Milk carton recycling at South School (Joy)

Composting (Rick)

Recycling by lifestyle (e.g. Pet Owners)

Things to keep out of curbside collection (trash and Recycling)

There was a discussion before the official start of the meeting on a seminar Duane had attended and a look at the current and future recycling programs and how China has affected those markets. Duane said he would get a copy of the presentation when it was available on the EBC Website and distribute it to the committee.

Housekeeping & Misc.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the March meeting were approved

- Paul went over the status of the SWEC videos. There is nothing new regarding the HHW video that Joy is working on. There is nothing new regarding the sharps video that Lynn is working on.
- Paul discussed the Going Green Columns. The first column by the Conservation Committee was published in the Londonderry Times (LT). The second article by the conservation committee has not been submitted yet for publication. Paul stated that he would request another article from the Conservation Commission for April. Paul and Joy have submitted their column to the LT on recycling Plastic Film Part 1, and it has been published. They are working on Part 2 at this time.

- Rick distributed his article he wrote on composting. The committee reviewed the article and offered a few suggestions. Otherwise, they felt I was ready to go to the LT. Paul told Rick to finalize it with the suggestions and to send it to Paul and he would send it over the LT for publication. Publication would be in May.
- Gary will be talking next month on the organics recycling effort by the University of Massachusetts – Lowell and how they are doing.
- Paul lead a discussion on plastic bags and film in the recycling bin and stopped at a home in south Londonderry where he noticed plastic film sticking out of the bin. He discussed the situation with the home owner and told them they should not be placing plastic bags or plastic film in the recycling bin. Bob reported on the DPW follow up of this situation which included confirming with WM that visible plastic bags in recycling carts be removed by the driver, placed on the ground, and tagged as unacceptable. DPW educated the resident and determined this particular resident qualified for a second recycling cart and is arranging delivery.

Main Topics

- Due to time issues, Paul moved some planned topics to future months.
- The main topics for the meeting were developing education campaigns for Composting and Plastic Film Recycling.
- The committee reviewed information Paul had handed out on trying to reduce the use of plastic bags in Londonderry. One of the pictures came from Hannaford Supermarket where they had signs at the cart drop off area reminding people to use cloth bags instead of plastic bags. The committee said they would review the other supermarkets in Londonderry to see what they might do. Duane said that they should also have a sign on the doors at the entrances before the people start to shop reminding them about their cloth bags.
- The committee discussed recycling lead-acid batteries. Paul had a picture of a sign from O'Reilly's auto store stating that they will give \$10 for anyone who recycles a lead-acid battery through them. The committee will check with other auto stores to see if they offer a similar deal for the batteries.
- Interested members will do a field trip to Rockingham Road north in late April to decide about potentially moving the Welcome Sign.
- The meeting ended at 8:40 PM.