

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2018
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: none

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Agenda:

Housekeeping (20)

Acceptance of minutes	All	
Video status:		
HHW Day	Joy	
Pharmacy sharps	Lynn	
Going Green Columns:	All	<u>Column Status</u>
- Jan: D/O Center Alternatives	Joy	Published
- Feb: Nature at your service	ConComm	Published
- Mar: Plastic Film (Part 1)	Paul & Joy	Published
- Apr: What Con Comm Does	ConComm	Published
- May: Plastic Film (Part 2)	Paul	Submitted
- Jun: ConComm		
- Jul: SWEC		
Plastic bags in the blue cart (#2)	Paul & Bob	
SWEC Column Updates	Paul	
\$10 battery offer	All	
Beautify Londonderry update	Joy	

Main topics (70)

Welcome signs	All
- New landscaper	
- New site: field trip	
MRF videos	All
SWEC Achievements	All
Small Business Outreach-	Gary, Joy
Fluorescent Recycling (completion)	
Book Donations Bin	Bob
The recycling market – actions?	All
- Duane’s latest articles	
- Paul’s Inside/Out podcast	
Recycling plastic film initiative	All
(Columns, posters, email image, grocery store signage, recycling; reusable bags)	
Action Items	

Future months

Recycling Conference	Duane
UMass Composting	Gary
The Drop Off Center: name & signage	All
Goals and project idea	All
PTAs - NRRRA Outreach letter	Joy
The recycling market – actions?	TBD
Composting Bin Sale (Winter)	
Composting: Education & local efforts	Rick, Gary, Paul; The Exchange podcast
Go-Green-Derry.org	

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].
- MRF video to be placed on the website.

Joy:

- Working with Erin Brodman at the Access Center over the next few months on revisions to the HHW Day video.
- Write a column on recycling with an emphasis on recycling is alive and well in Londonderry.

Paul:

- Update the Committee's achievements on our homepage
- Speak to State DOT and prospective landowner about a new Welcome sign site.

Gary:

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

Lynn:

- Distribute PSA storyboards to committee.
- Write a column on Town Recycling Rules from a new resident perspective.

Greg:

- Look into writing a column about the Drop Off Center services.

Columns

Ready:

Battery disposal by type

Proposed:

Plastic Recycling Codes (Paul)

Unconscious Recycling (Paul)

Milk carton recycling at South School (Joy)

Composting (Rick)

Composting in NH Today (NHPR podcast) (Paul)

Recycling Lifestyles

Pet Owners (e.g. cats: cat food cans, dry food bags, litter)

Recycling Guidelines

Housekeeping & Misc.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 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.
- Lynn has developed a story board for his video on sharps. Paul asked him to distribute it around to the committee members for their review.
- 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 was published April.
- Paul encouraged others to consider writing a column, and suggested topics including "Recycling Lifestyles", maybe from a pet owners point of view.
- Paul has submitted the column to the LT on recycling Plastic Film Part 2, and it is going to be published in May.
- Rick submitted his article he wrote on composting. Paul was going to submit it to the LT to be published, but LT published their own article on composting, so Rick's column will be placed in the paper at a later date.
- Gary will be talking next month on the organics recycling effort by the University of Massachusetts – Lowell and how they are doing.
- Paul led a discussion on a video he saw about a company that picks up table scraps for composting. Also, Paul saw plastic bags and film in the recycling bin at a home in south Londonderry. He discussed this with Bob and the DPW has followed up on this situation with WM.
- Paul saw plastic bags in blue cart for two successive weeks, at two locations.

Main Topics

- Joy spoke a little about the Beautify Londonderry (BL) effort for 2018. BL just ended last weekend (May 12 and 13). She said the effort was very similar to last year's effort. Paul to invite Mike Byerly to attend next month's meeting to report to the committee about the BL effort.
- Paul said that he spoke with Ground Hog Landscaping about taking on the two Welcome to Londonderry signs as far as landscaping. They agreed to do the landscaping at the Route 28 sign in near Derry and the Chase Road sign on

Route 28 in southern Londonderry. All signs now have a landscaper that will take care their upkeep.

- Paul discussed the field trip that he, Gary, Lynn and Duane went on to try and find a better location for the sign near the Backyard Brewery. Paul plans to speak to the state DOT and prospective landowner about a new site for the sign. Greg Warner also provided site recommendations as well.
 - Bob stated that the Household Hazardous Collection Day is May 19th at the West Running Brook School in Derry.
 - The committee reviewed several videos regarding materials recovery facilities (MRF) to pick one to place on the website. The video of the single stream MRF at the Chittenden Solid Waste District in Burlington, VT was chosen to be the video.
 - Bob confirmed that the Got Books container at the Town Hall is currently out of services due to the company going out of business. An announcement has been put up on the Town's web page advising residents f appropriate recycling methods for books.
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- The meeting ended at 8:50 PM.