

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 11, 2018  
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: Mike Byerly – Londonderry Times

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: Rethinking Lawns	ConComm	Submitted
- Jul: SWEC	Lynn or Joy?	
\$10 battery offer	Paul	
Small Business Outreach-	Gary, Joy	
Fluorescent Recycling (completion)		
Book Donations Bin	Bob	

**Main topics (70)**

Welcome signs (5)	Paul
- Landscapers, sign movement,	
- Post pick up, DOT concerns	
Recycling plastic film initiative (30)	All (Columns, posters, email image, grocery store signage [recycling; reusable bags];
Blue cart contamination	Bob – please have access to this email during the meeting for reference
The recycling market (30)	Bob / Duane
Action Items (5)	

### Future months

Beautify Londonderry update	Mike Byerly (July)
SWEC Achievements	Paul
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)	Rick et al
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
- Look at a new design for the Welcome sign sponsor sign
- Check in with Wendy's to review the work of the new landscaper
- Stope at the Auto Parts store to check out the rebate for batteries
- Look at new Welcome Sign language and see what might be manageable for the new signs

Gary:

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

Lynn:

- Check with Hannaford's about their reusable grocery bag.
- Write a column on Town Recycling Rules from a new resident perspective.

Greg:

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

## Column Ideas

### Ready:

**Battery disposal by type**

### Proposed:

**The state of recycling (Joy)**

**Recycling rules for new residents (Lynn)**

**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 May 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 said that the committee did not have any comments regarding his storyboard for his video on sharps. Lynn indicated that a new fire department employee is now going to help him with finishing the video.
- Paul discussed the Going Green Columns. All columns have either been published or submitted. Paul asked someone from the committee about writing a column for July. Lynn volunteered on writing a column on plastic bag use.
- Gary will be talking next month on the organics recycling effort by the University of Massachusetts – Lowell and how they are doing.
- Paul discussed the small business outreach for fluorescent bulbs and getting that completed this summer. Joy indicated that she was nearly complete with her outreach program.
- Bob said that there was nothing new on the Book Donations Bin.
- Paul said that Londonderry Times will run a picture and article about the rotary that he and his wife take care of in the Kings. It is now in full bloom and looks very professional.

### Main Topics

- 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 of their upkeep.

- Paul said that the NHDOT spoke with him regarding the Welcome to Londonderry signs and they indicated that they might have an issue with the signs that advertise a business. Paul asked about this issue and it was determined that the sponsor signs need to be updated to call out that the sign were sponsored by these businesses so that it does not appear to be an advertisement.
- The committee discussed the plastic film recycling initiative and what might do done to better advertise what to do with plastic bags and film. Some suggestions were to run an article in the Londonderry Times (LT) along with our Going Green columns about what to do with plastic bags and film and to emphasize that this type of material does not go into the blue bin. Also, there was a suggestion about handing out a sticker that could be placed on the blue bin to remind the residents about no bags in the blue bin. The committee will look into the sticker option but there appears to be some logistical problems.
- Mike Byerly suggested that this initiative be put out on local social media sites where everyone might see it.
- Paul will speak with Kevin Smith about ideas for recycling plastic bags and how to keep them out of the blue carts.
- Lynn said he would research the plastic bags issue and talk with some grocery stores.
- Bob spoke about the NRRA conference he attended in Manchester and what the speakers discussed. The main topic was recycling and the effect that China's National Sword policy is having on the recycling industry. He discussed how difficult it is to move materials out of New England to get them to a national market. New initiatives are being discussed within the industry to adapt to the changes resulting from China's actions.
- The meeting ended at 8:50 PM.