

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

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

Others: Mike Byerly – Beautify Londonderry

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

AGENDA:

Housekeeping (15)

Acceptance of minutes

All

Video status:

HHW Day

Joy

Pharmacy sharps

Lynn

Going Green Columns:

All

Column Status

- 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: Recycling Rules

Lynn?

- Aug: ConComm

TBD

Small Business Outreach-

Gary, Joy

Fluorescent Recycling (completion)

Book Donations Bin

Bob

\$10 battery offers

Paul

Welcome Signs

Paul

- Relocation, DOT ROW, DPW

Main topics (75)

Beautify Londonderry 2018 (45)

Mike Byerly

Recycling plastic film initiative (20)

All Columns, posters, email image, grocery store signage [recycling; reusable bags];

Blue cart contamination

SWEC Achievements (5)

Paul

Action Items (5)

Future months

The Drop Off Center: name & signage

All

Goals and project ideas

All

PTAs - NRRRA Outreach letter

Joy

The recycling market – actions?	TBD
Composting: Bin Sale (Winter)	Rick et al
UMass Composting	Gary
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.
- Joy plans to complete her fluorescent lamp outreach to businesses before our next meeting in September.

Paul:

- Update the Committee's achievements on our homepage (still working).
- Look at new Welcome Sign language and see what might be manageable for the new sponsor signs.

Gary:

- Check on status of UMass – Lowell organics composting pilot program.
- Gary plans to complete his fluorescent lamp outreach to businesses before our next meeting in September.

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.

Rick:

- Look into NRRA about how they handle their composting bins.

Column Ideas

Ready:

Battery disposal by type

Proposed:

The state of recycling today (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 June meeting were approved

Main Topics

- Mike Byerly from the Beautify Londonderry committee gave a rundown of how Beautify Londonderry went. The following are a list of his comments:
 - The number of participants was down from last year. This is the fourth year in a row participation was down.
 - He did say that schools were more involved this year.
 - He plans to begin planning next year's event earlier, in the fall of 2018. He also plans to advertise it via small portable road signs rather than the large banner that wears out after 2 years.
 - Beautify Londonderry is looking for new members since the members are now down to four people.
 - They did not need any supplies and there were a few donations for organics.
 - Paul was wondering if we needed to look at re-branding the event.
 - Paul spoke to Derry Police chief Ed Garone, who told him that Rockingham County Corrections offers a program where they send supervised inmates to communities for litter pickup. The contact there is Steve Church.
 - The chief also knows of a policy at McDonalds Restaurants that requires franchises to clean up the area immediately adjacent to their restaurant's property in terms of litter. Mike said he could follow up with the local franchise about this.
 - Paul also mentioned that Hampstead has a Keep Hampstead Beautiful initiative, and Merrimack has an Adopt a Road / Adopt a Spot program that might provide some insight into successful beautification programs.
 - Mike suggested that maybe it should be just one day instead of four or five weekends. Get everything done in one weekend. That might get some more interest. The committee discussed this possibility.
 - Mike said that it might be better to have Estey do the mulching of the schools since Estey already has a contract with the school district for supplying mulch at the schools.
 - The committee reviewed the expenses that Mike said they spent for this year. Paul emphasized the need to maintain a positive net cash flow for each year's expenses by soliciting donations.
 - We also discussed encouraging neighborhoods to landscape their rotaries. Paul arranged for the Londonderry Times to carry a photo of the garden on the first Kings neighborhood rotary in a June issue.

- Lynn sent out a PSA for the sharps video for the committee to review. Paul gave a revised draft to the Committee and asked for additional possible revisions.
- There are no changes to the status of the published Going Green columns. Paul will update the column on batteries with information from the 2 auto parts stores in town.
- Paul said that he spoke with O'Reilly's and Advanced Auto Parts and that they will take back batteries, oil, transmission fluid, etc. that they sell.
- The committee discussed the status of the fluorescent light outreach program and both Gary and Joy are nearly complete with their outreach work.
- The committee reviewed the paper Paul wrote about the accomplishments of the SWEC over the years. It was comprehensive. The committee will let Paul know if they feel there should be any changes.
- Bob discussed Londonderry's recycling program and the associated costs, and the committee also discussed Waste Management's role in controlling the incidence of plastic bags in the blue carts when they do their pickups. Bob will look into getting statistics from WM regarding the monthly amount of issue notices their drivers leave at homes during their pickup.
- The committee discussed the action item list and the list was revised. See the updated list at the beginning of the meeting minutes.
- The meeting ended at 8:50 PM.

NOTE: No meeting is scheduled for August.