

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 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.

AGENDA:

Housekeeping (15)

Acceptance of minutes **All**
Going Green Columns: **All**

Schedule	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	Published (Oct)
- Jun: Rethinking Lawns <i>timely window (On hold till 2019)</i>	ConComm	<i>Received but missed</i>
- Jul: Recycling Rules	Lynn	Published (Aug)
- Aug: Oriental Bittersweet	ConComm	Published (Sep)
- Sep: Plastic Film (Part 2)	SWEC	Re-submitted (see above)
- Oct: Protecting Our Water	ConComm	<i>Received; holding for</i>
	<i>November</i>	

Small Business Outreach- **Gary, Joy** Gary to finish up in
 October
Fluorescent Recycling (completion)
Book Donations Bin **Bob**
Term Expirations **Gary, Duane, Paul**
Annual Committee report due in Dec. **Paul**

Main topics (75)

Welcome Signs (10) **Paul**
 - Relocation, DOT ROW, DPW
Beautify Londonderry 2019 (15) **Committee**
D. Ellis: Waste Cart sizing (10)
Goals and project ideas (30) **All**
Action Items (10)

Future months

Recycling plastic film initiative (20) **All** **(Columns, posters, email image, grocery store signage [recycling; reusable bags]; Blue cart contamination**

PTAs - NRRRA Outreach letter	Joy
The recycling market – actions?	TBD; Joy (column)
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: adding Silverlight or Flash software for videos to run
- Order new signs for the Drop Off Center for the spring
- Place the MRF video on the DPW website

Joy:

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

Paul:

- Plan for Welcome sign relocation in fall
- Re-visit Bob's request for recycling column updates
- Draft a response for David Ellis on alternate bin sizes
- Prepare a draft letter regarding the annual report from the committee.

Gary:

- Finish Fluorescent Recycling outreach
- Check on status of UMass – Lowell organics composting pilot program.

Lynn:

- Check with Hannaford's about their reusable grocery bag program and parking lot signs.
- Get a soft copy of the sharp's PSA for Bob
- Consider producing a PSA on blue bags

Rick:

- Start planning for Composting bin sale; check out NRRRA website.

Greg:

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

Column Ideas

Ready:

Battery disposal by type

Proposed:

The state of recycling today (Joy)

Milk carton

Housekeeping & Misc. (15)

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the September meeting were approved

Housekeeping & Misc.

- Paul discussed the Going Green columns and their status. Paul said that the column on “Rethinking Lawns” was missed but that it will be put in the paper next spring/summer when it will be more appropriate to run it.
- Paul said that Gary indicated that he has about 4 more weeks and he should be completed with his fluorescent light outreach work. Joy indicated that she was nearly done with fluorescent light outreach work.
- Bob said that he found a company that will take over the collection of the book storage bins. At present the book storage bins are full and the openings into the bins have been taped closed.
- The committee terms for Paul, Duane and Gary will be expiring at the end of 2018. All these members will need to decide if they want to continue on the committee

Main Topics

- Paul said that two more sign posts had been secured from the Lincoln Sign Company for the Welcome to Londonderry sign that is moved to a new location near the Backyard Brewery. Three sign posts have been delivered to the DPW for storage until they are needed. The third sign post has been in storage at the sign company since the time the Chase Road sign had been hit. DOT approved of the relocation site, and plans are in to work with John Trottier (DPW), KC signs, Shady Hill Landscaping and Dig Safe for the relocation of the sign.
- The committee reviewed a list of points that Bob had put together in response to a resident’s inquiry as to why a 65-gallon blue cart cannot be purchased to replace the two 35-gallon containers that he already has for his recyclables. The committee reviewed the points and discussed the matter. Paul said that he would generate a response letter for the committee to review.
- The committee discussed the issue of contamination of recycling that occurs with single stream recycling. Bob said that he has spoken to Waste Management about this issue and that they are aware of the contamination. It appears that the use of plastic bags to contain recyclables might be part of the problem. The residents need to be educated that they are not to place recyclables in plastic bags in the blue carts and are not to place plastic film in the carts as well.
- The committee discussed the action item list and the list was revised. See the updated list at the beginning of the meeting minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30