

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2018
(DC Himes)**

Committee Attendance: Paul Margolin, Greg Warner, Rick Darveau, Joy Muller, Lynn Wiles, 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	No response
- Jun: Rethinking Lawns <i>window (On hold till 2019)</i>	ConComm	<i>Received but missed timely</i>
- Jul: Recycling Rules	Lynn	Published (Aug)
- Aug: Oriental Bittersweet	ConComm	Published (Sep)
- Sep: Plastic Film (Part 2)	SWEC	Resubmitted; Published (Oct)
- Oct: Protecting Our Water	ConComm	<i>Submitted for November</i>
- Nov: (SWEC column)	SWEC	For December
- Dec: (ConComm Column)	ConComm	For January

Small Business Outreach- Gary, Joy Gary & Joy to finish up in
October
 Fluorescent Recycling (completion)
Term Expirations Gary, Duane, Paul

Main topics (75)

Book Donations Bin (5) Bob
Welcome Signs (5) Paul
 - Relocation, DOT ROW, DPW
D. Ellis: Waste Cart sizing (15) Committee
Annual Committee report due in Dec. (5) Paul
Composting: Bin Sale (10) Rick et al
Drop Off Center Signage (5) Paul / Bob
Hudson Sustainability Committee (5) Paul
Recycling plastic film initiative (15) All (Columns, posters, email image, grocery
store signage [recycling; reusable bags];
 Blue cart contamination
Action Items (10)

Future months

PTAs - NRRRA Outreach letter	Joy
The recycling market – actions?	TBD; Joy (column)
Composting:	
UMass Composting	Gary
Education & local efforts	Rick, Gary, Paul; The Exchange podcast
Go-Green-Derry.org	
Beautify Londonderry 2019	
2019 Goals and project ideas	

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
- Check on credit card usage at the Drop Off Center
- Help announce the book bin re-opening (email blast, Town announcement scroll)

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.
- Help announce the book bin re-opening

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
- Complete the draft letter regarding the annual report from the committee.
- Help announce the book bin re-opening

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
- Put a SWEC profile on Facebook Londonderry NH. Help announce the book bin re-opening

Rick:

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

Greg:

- Research the DPW website to the purpose of 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 s (Joy)

Composting (Rick)

Drop Off Center (Greg)

Plastic Recycling Codes (Paul)

Unconscious Recycling (Paul)

Composting in NH Today (NHPR podcast) (Paul)

Recycling Lifestyles:

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

Housekeeping & Misc. (15)

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the October meeting were approved

Housekeeping & Misc.

- Paul discussed the Going Green columns and their status. Paul said that there are columns through the end of the year except for December. Duane suggested the Going Green column on Alternatives to Christmas trees be recycled and used again. Paul said that he would check into doing that.
- Paul said that Gary indicated that he has about 1 more week left in his and he should be completed with his fluorescent light outreach work. Joy indicated that she was close to being done with fluorescent light outreach work. Paul will follow up with Gary.
- Paul, Duane and Gary have all indicated that they will renew their membership on the committee and have notified the Town.

Main Topics

- Bob said that he found a company named DiscoverBooks that has taken over the collection of the book storage bins. The book bins have been emptied and are now open for business. The library is aware that the book bins are open and can be used. They accept textbooks and encyclopedias, but not magazines. Paul volunteered to announce the news in the Times, and Lynn and Joy offered the same in local social media. Bob will do a Town email blast and put it on the Town Announcements scroll.
- Paul said that Lynn and himself moved the sign at the new Welcome Sign location. Paul contacted KC Signs and they will be moving the sign when they

can fit that work into their schedule. As of 11/26/18, the sign has not yet been relocated.

- The committee discussed a 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. Paul will send out a letter to the resident explaining the Town's position by November 20th.
- The committee reviewed the draft SWEC annual report. Several edits were incorporated. Paul will submit this report to Kirby Brown at Town Hall.
- Paul said that he had been contacted by the Town of Hudson Sustainability Committee and they expressed an interest in meeting with some members of the committee to discuss ideas. The committee thought that this was a good idea. Paul, Rick and Duane will make plans to meet with the group.
- The new drop off center signs will be purchased from New Hampshire the Beautiful. This is where the previous signs were purchased. Bob will attempt to take advantage of the program before funds run out sometime next year.
- Rick has been looking into the possibility of purchasing compost bins and trying to make the bins available for those residents in Town who might want start composting. Rick has been looking at the NRRA site as a place to buy the bins. Bob led a discussion with the committee on how the bins might be distributed and where they might be stored. Lynn and Joy volunteered to publicize the upcoming compost bin sale on local social media.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00