

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2018
(DC Himes)**

Committee Attendance: Paul Margolin, Greg Warner, Lynn Wiles, Duane Himes and Bob Kerry (DPW liaison).

Others: None

Meeting started at 7:10 PM.

AGENDA:

Housekeeping (15)

Acceptance of minutes All
Going Green Columns: All

<u>Schedule</u>	<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	No response
- Jun: Rethinking Lawns (On hold till 2019)	ConComm	<i>Received but missed timely window</i>
- Jul: Recycling Rules	Lynn	Published (Aug)
- Aug: Oriental Bittersweet	ConComm	Published (Sep)
- Sep: Plastic Film (Part 2)	SWEC	Re-submitted; Published (Oct)
- Oct: Protecting Our Water	ConComm	Published (Nov)
- Nov: (SWEC column)	SWEC	Plan the Composting column next
- Dec: (ConComm Column)	ConComm	For January

D. Ellis: Waste Cart sizing Complete
Annual Committee report due in Dec Complete
Welcome Signs Paul
- Relocation, DOT ROW, DPW
Book Donations Bin Paul, Lynn, Joy

Main topics (75)

Composting: Bin Sale (25) Rick et al
Hudson Sustainability Committee (5) Paul, Rick, Duane
Recycling plastic film initiative (20) All (Columns, posters, email image, grocery store signage [recycling; reusable bags];
Blue cart contamination
2019 Goals and project ideas (10)
Action Items (10)
Term Expirations (5)

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

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 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 spring
- Re-visit Bob's request for recycling column updates
- Talk to Rick about the committee's compost bin discussion
- Set up meeting with Hudson Sustainability Group

Gary:

- 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.
- Consider producing a PSA on blue bags

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 cartons (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 November 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.
- Paul issued the letter response to David Ellis regarding the request for a 65-gallon recycling cart
- Paul issued the annual report to Kirby.
- The book donation bins are up and running and an article was in the paper regarding this matter.
- Lynn discussed using Facebook to help get out the committee's message. He showed the committee what he has done to date. Joy is also getting the committee's message out in Facebook on the MOMS Facebook page.
- KC Signs will be moving the Welcome Sign near the Backyard Brewery sometime this spring.

Main Topics

- Paul led a committee discussion on the upcoming compost bin sale. Paul will discuss the composting bin matter with Rick. Paul passed out a press release from 2009 when the committee last discussed buying compost bins. A discussion was had regarding how we would get the word out to the Town residents. Some of the communication outlets discussed were the Londonderry Times, the Committee's Facebook page, the Town Website, etc. The points we will try to get out will be: 1. What the committee is offering, 2. Benefits of composting, and 3. What it takes to compost. There was more discussion with Bob on how we might get the residents to sign up, where we could store the bins once we buy them, how do we distribute them.

- The committee discussed getting together with the Hudson Sustainability Committee to exchange ideas. Paul will set up a meeting with the committee. Duane, Rick and Paul were interested in attending.
- The committee had a plastic bag and film recycling discussion led by Paul. The committee is looking into arrangements to go to the individual supermarkets to discuss this with the store managers. Questions to be asked include who owns the film recycle containers, what is their process for handling full containers, what are the acceptable plastic film items that should be placed in the containers, etc.
- The committee went over the actions items and updated the list to remove and/or add certain action items.
- Duane, Paul and Gary all reupped their committee terms.
- Paul made an announcement that he was going to step down from the committee at the end of 2019. He asked the committee to be thinking about who might want to take over as Chairperson in early in 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00