

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2009 MINUTES

July 9, 2009

Attendance: P. Margolin, D. Beatty, C. O'Connor, G. Moretti, M. Srugis, G. Stewart, D. Himes, D. Kelly

Agenda:

Housekeeping - BL2009, LAFA & Funway recycling

Old Home Day Recycling

Limited Waste Planning:

Overflow fees (Signup for 2nd carts)

Public education (Public feedback; Newspaper articles, letters, blogs; Store displays; Block leaders)

Compost bin status & publicity

Disposition of old trash cans (Stickers for recycling, Free disposal at the DO Ctr)

Impact on Multifamily garbage pickup & recycling (Dumpsters vs toters, Controlling illegal / excessive trash disposal)

Further changes to the SW ordinance (Updating obsolete information, Identifying new trash collection rules, Whether to make recycling mandatory)

Recycling containers at the school district office

Minutes:

- Carolyn provided a summary of BL2009 events; she'll forward her report to the Town & School Bd
- Paul recounted the TC meeting results regarding overflow fees
- Gail has 10 block leaders spreading the word about the new program
- Doris:

Will ensure clear-stream recycling again is in place for Old Home Days

Residents are signing up for 2nd carts (for purchase or for large family waiver); DPW to monitor

DPW has 40 compost bins available at the discounted price of \$40

DPW has given out 250 "Recycling" stickers for old trash cans; more on order

Amnesty days for accepting old trash cans at the D/O Ctr will be scheduled in Aug or Sep

To look at incremental Drop Off Ctr improvements with Janusz

- We need to monitor abuse of trash privileges at multifamily sites
- Paul to follow up with Woodlands & vendor concerning recycling resources there
- Committee recommends we don't go to mandatory recycling at this time; it's widely applied in NH and successful in Derry, but may generate more heat than light here
- Paul to work on newspaper articles: new recyclers; recyclable materials
- Marty reported successful recycling at LAFA & Funway park – see comments below*
- Dave to see Doris for recycling containers for West Rd. soccer fields

No meeting in August

September agenda: discuss extending the Drop Off Center days / hours; next newsletter

* Marty Srugis' report on fields at LAFA:

1. The red bins have done their job. The kids are using them and they are relatively free of other trash or as much as I can make it.

2. The tennis courts have two red bins and the FunLand has one and it has not been a problem in collecting the bottles for the recycler.

3. Received about 17 (64 gal) blue barrels for the baseball fields. I put one barrel in each dugout. But that leaves me short about 6 barrels to cover the concession stand and the table area. Sid called and asked if I needed more barrels and we agreed to getting another ten barrels. That should cover the concession stand and seating areas of the complex.

4. In the last two months, we have had two instances of people dumping unwanted "stuff" at the field (usually hiding it behind the large dumpsters). I will keep an eye on this.

5. I am not sure what Sid is doing on the town's softball side, but those men leagues go through a lot of adult beverages and could use three beverage recycle barrels to cut down on the trash.