

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2009 MINUTES

Oct 8, 2009

Attendance: P. Margolin, D. Beatty, M. Srugis, G. Moretti, G. Stewart, D. Himes, J. Wissler

Agenda:

- Housekeeping (5)
- Stan Walczak – Allied Waste (50)
- Drop Off Center Improvements - Gary (5)
- School District Recycling (10)
- Propane tank update - Doris (5)
- ~~Medical waste (5)~~
- ~~New Year's goals (10)~~

Some topics for Stan:

- Status of Limited Waste program, Recyclable materials, Recycling at the soccer fields, Recycling milk cartons, Recycling paper in the schools, Visits to schools' Allied Waste in Boulder, CO

Upcoming Solid Waste events in NH:

- 10/21 NHDES: The state of Garbage (9 to 12)
- 11/12 NHDES: HHW Refresher (8 to 4)
- 11/12 NRRRA: Annual meeting (noon)
- 11/19 NHDES: Compost Happens (9 to 12)

Minutes:

- Paul & Doris presented Londonderry's recycling programs to a So. NH Planning Commission subcommittee on Sep 29.
- Paul had the TC send thank you's to the Welcome Sign landscapers
- Doris to do a press release on the acceptance of old trash barrels at the Drop Off Center, where they will be taken thru mid-November. (done)
- Paul to follow up with John Hickey regarding Woodlands recycling (done; in place)
- Doris to see about placing a sign on Mammoth Rd to advertise HHW Day
- Doris to see about using Coleman green keys at the DO Ctr for taking small propane tanks
- Doris is looking into selling trash bags at the Library 2 nights/week
- Paul to return the DVD to Nashua and give them a copy of our cable program
- Paul met with Middle School teachers Oct. 2 to start planning an expanded, integrated school district recycling effort. He will be meeting with Carol Mack & Ann Collacchi (MT & LMS) on Oct 20 to pass on what we learned from Stan at tonight's meeting.

Stan:

- S/W is down 20% & recycling up 20%. We are diverting about 22% of our trash to recycling. Stan thinks we should be closer to 25%, though it's very early on. He made some suggestions for us to think about:
 - **Do all trash & recycling pick up for the town on the same day**
 - **Eliminate use of plastic bags (e.g. the blue bags) for recycling. Instead, Allied would prefer paper bags for recycling paper, and no bags for commingled**
 - **Allied is offering a couple scholarships to students for environmental work**
 - **Allied supports BL'y and Old Home Days**
 - **AW can recycle aseptic containers (juice boxes) and was cartons (e.g. OJ). We should plan to migrate them to the paper recycling stream**
 - **AW will audit our school recycling program logistics, offer improvements and help us set up a milk carton recycling program. Milk cartons need to be emptied, but not rinsed.**
 - **AW can audit Town / School procurement guidelines for waste / cost reduction (Doris to look into)**
 - **AW may have better recycling containers and signage to use at the Rec Fields. (Marty to look into this and NH the Beautiful)**
 - **Paperretrievers.com – now bankrupt. Poor risk**

- **AW is partnering with Recycle Bank. May be an option for us some time in the future. Single stream is still evolving, hampered by the glass component of the waste stream.**
- **AW can help us recycle at the Soccer fields – Dave Kelly should follow up with Stan.**
- **AW is hoping to establish a large composting site in Farmington NH. If it ever launches, school & commercial sources of food waste could use it**
- **Drop Off center: 2 men who work there suggested we think about staying open once per month during the cold months. Issues: unimproved road & site, need for snowplowing & clearing, cost of maintenance, staffing & additional waste subsidies. Janusz and the Town Council would have to offer the resources and budget.**
- **Doris is looking into a deal with S&S metals regarding appliances with freon.**
- **Doris investigating handling of small and large propane tanks at D/O Ctr & Derry.**
- **Newsletter – Donna is preparing one to go online. The Committee would like to see a traditional hardcopy printed / distributed town-wide at least a couple times per year. AW may be able to help fund it.**