# SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES April 11, 2013 (DC Himes)

Committee Attendance: Paul Margolin, Gary Stewart, Duane Himes, and Bob Kerry (DPW Liaison).

Others: None

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

## Agenda

## **Acceptance of minutes**

Old Business: (30)

Status of columns
Bob's newsletter columns

Wolfeboro process

Football equipment

Solid waste – tax impact idea

Propane tanks

DES Haz Waste site grants

**Buried Treasure updates** 

Paul

All

Duane
Marty / Bob to identify equipment

Marty

Bob, Paul

Paul All

New Business: (60)

Plans for next contracts
CFL Communication

Bob

# Housekeeping

There was discussion regarding the repair of the broken Welcome to Londonderry sign. Bob indicated that the sign had been repaired by Town employees. Pictures of repaired sign looked good.

### Acceptance of Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Old Business**

- Paul sent in the article on What to Recycle, which has not yet appeared in the paper and also, stated that he has started preparing other columns regarding CFLs and plastic bottles for the Londonderry Times.
- The newspaper columns that Bob had brought up will be reviewed during the May meeting.
- The spring HHW day in Derry is scheduled for May 11, 2013.

- Duane will continue to look into the household hazardous waste collection facility in Wolfeboro. He is looking into visiting the site come the spring time. Here are some of the questions that we need answers to:
  - 1. Are there any problems that need to be fixed
  - 2. Cost to maintain the facility
  - 3. Costs to start up a HHW facility
  - 4. What are the environmental concerns
  - 5. Pros and cons of the facility
- Marty will bring in examples of shin guards, shoulder pads and other equipment, including the helmets for Bob too give to Republic to see if any of the items can be recycled. This had not been done as of this meeting.
- Since Marty was not at the meeting, the form to use on showing the incentives to recycling versus disposal and the impacts disposal has on our taxes will be reviewed next month.
- Bob said that the NRRA has expressed an interest in the Town's scrap metal contract.
- Bob discussed the recycling of propane tanks. He said that the Town is close to making this a reality and it is going in front of the Town Council for a vote to put an amendment into the Town regulations to include propane tank recycling. Recycling of propane tanks may be in place by the end of June.
- Paul has been trying to speak with Dean Robinson at DES regarding grants to help pay for a permanent HHW center in Londonderry.
- Bob passed out a copy of the most recent copy of the Buried Treasure so that the members could update their sections.

# **New Business**

- The committee members spoke with Bob about items that might need to be included in the next round of solid waste contracts. It was discussed that it might be a good idea to have Republic come in to talk with the committee regarding new advances in solid waste disposal and recycling.
- Bob, Donna and Duane are planning on attending the NRRA conference in Manchester in June and will bring back info regarding new issues in solid waste handling and disposal as well as recycling trends.
- The committee had a discussion on the recycling of CFLs, with the biggest concern being what is happening to the smaller CFL bulbs. Are these bulbs being disposed of properly or are they just going into the normal trash can. It was discussed that a communication program would probably be the best way to try and keep these bulbs out of the MSW waste stream.

Meeting ended at 8:40 PM.