

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 19, 2015  
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: Aimee LaLancette, nursing student at St. Anselms, studying community health

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

**Agenda**

**Housekeeping & Misc (20)**

Acceptance of minutes	All
Republic Scholarships	Paul
New Contracts	Bob
Single Stream Plant Visit	Paul
Other News	

**Main topics: (70)**

Mercury Lamps (Plan for Businesses)	Bob & Paul
Goals for 2015	Group

**Future months:**

Haz Waste collection sites	Paul
New Solid Waste Videos	Vinny Curro: March – Waste Oil Video April – HHW Day Video May – D/O Center Video

**Housekeeping & Misc**

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

The revised minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved

- Paul started discussion about scholarships that Republic Services provides to Londonderry HS students for interest in the environmental or business fields. Paul asked Bruce Stanas if they were still offering these scholarships. Bruce indicated that there might be three offered this year. They are working out the logistics on their distribution.
- Paul talked with Bruce Stanas regarding a field visit to a single stream recycling plant at Casella's facility in Charlestown, MA. The committee is trying to set up a date for that visit. Hopefully it will be on a Saturday in March.
- Bob said that there was nothing new to report on the next RFP that will be going out within the year for the solid waste collection contract.
- Gary Stewart attended the Beautify Londonderry sub-committee (BL) meeting. Gary is the committee's liaison to BL. He stated that the anti-littering

subcommittee is now part of the BL sub-committee. There was discussion about litter pick-up being performed the first two weeks of BL. They also want to use their Road Side Pride sign as part of BL. There appears to be some confusion regarding Road Side Pride and BL since in the past they were two different entities. The committee agreed that there needs to be an article in the newspaper explaining that there is no difference between the two. Gary also said that Kerry will be talking with Nate Greenberg about getting the school district and students more involved.

### **Main Topics**

- Paul and Bob discussed the topic of using the drop off center as a location where local businesses could drop off their fluorescent bulbs that contain mercury. The committee feels that fluorescent bulbs may be tossed in trash dumpsters instead of being recycled. Paul drafted a Pro Forma on how the drop off of commercial bulbs would work. Bob and the DPW reviewed the Pro Forma and made several suggestions for changes. Once the changes are made, the DPW will make a presentation to Town Council and Town Manager to get approval for the activity.

Mercury bulb recycling actions:

1. Presentations by Paul and Bob to organizations like the Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce
  2. DPW to propose plan to Town Council by March
  3. Target a June kickoff of the program
- Paul asked the committee what topics should be part of the Committee's goals for 2015. The topic about diversion of solid waste from the waste stream and increasing recycling of materials was discussed.

2015 goals actions:

1. Marty to follow up with his Coca Cola contact regarding recycling ideas
- Due to time constraints, the Committee will continue the discussion on goals at the March meeting.

### **Future Months**

- There was no discussion on any of the future month's activities.

Meeting ended at 8:40 PM.