

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2015
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: Ray Dube

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

Agenda

Housekeeping & Misc. (20)

Acceptance of minutes All

New Contracts Bob

Charlestown plant visit Paul

Welcome Signs Paul, Duane, Marty

Arsenic well water outreach Paul

Other news

Main topics: (70)

Brainstorming community recycling Group & Guest

Mercury lamps (plan for businesses) Paul & Bob

Goals for 2015 Group

Housekeeping & Misc

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved

- 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.
- Paul talked about the field visit to a single stream recycling plant at Casella's facility in Charlestown, MA. The field visit is scheduled for June 5, 2015 at 9:30. It will be about a two hour tour. Duane, Gary and Paul plan to take the tour, and Bob is tentative.
- Paul discussed the welcome signs, especially the sponsor signs and replacing the damaged signs as well as the landscaper signs. Marty picked up the sponsor signs from the state prison sign shop and brought them to the meeting. Duane will replace the signs, one wooden sign post and look into using stainless steel bolts to attach the signs to the posts. Paul also stated that he had met with a NHDOT rep to look at the right-of-way along Route 102 where there is discussion about relocating the welcome sign.
- Paul spoke about arsenic in the drinking water in Londonderry. Paul said that he spoke with Kathrin Lawlor who is the new Community Engagement Coordinator for the Dartmouth College Superfund Research Program. The Dartmouth College Superfund Research Program is working with NH DES to increase well water

- testing for Arsenic in NH. Specifically, they are focusing on towns in the southeastern region of the state. She mentioned that there is a Londonderry focus group. She is conducting community key informant interviews in 8 towns, including Londonderry. Key informant interviews are 30-45 minute conversations focusing on community readiness and awareness regarding this issue. The informant interviews in Londonderry are completed. Kathrin will set up a table at the Lion's Club Yard sale on May 16 to pass out information on testing your well for arsenic, and is planning other events in town this summer.
- Paul and Bob discussed the small business recycling program for fluorescent bulbs and tubes and its current status. It appears that the program is on track. Town council approved the revisions to Town ordinances to allow this to happen. Paul spoke with Benson's and they agreed to be an acceptance location for fluorescent bulbs and tubes as well so residents would have a location to drop off these items when the drop off center is closed. Bob and Paul plan to speak to the Rotary Club in June and the Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce in July about recycling fluorescent lights.

Main Topics

- Ray Dube from Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Northern New England spoke to the committee about recycling and ways of having a successful recycling program at large Town functions such as Old Home Days or at the LAFA fields. Ray discussed a method of having stations that consist of tables and volunteers where residents can drop off their trash and recyclables and the volunteers process the waste and recyclables. Also, he explained how recycling supports many local NH businesses by supplying them with products they need to support their business. He also spoke about the possibility of going into the Londonderry schools and talking to the students about recycling. He will be at Stonyfield Farms this weekend at the 5K race with a booth. Marty will visit Ray's table at the Stonyfield 5k event this weekend, and will see if Ray can provide outreach at the Police-Fire Dept. softball game Friday night of Old Home Day weekend. Paul will contact the schools to see if they can invite Ray to talk to students in the fall.

Meeting ended at 8:50 PM.