

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 16, 2017  
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: None

Meeting started at 7:00 PM

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**Agenda**

**Housekeeping & Misc (20)**

Acceptance of minutes	All
Going Green Columns	Paul
Light bulb cost comparison	
Battery disposal by type	
Xmas tree choices	
Other news	
Actions	All

**Main topics: (70)**

Oil drop off expansion	Paul / Bob
NRRA Meeting	Bob
Sharps	Bob
Membership (time permitting)	Committee

**Next month / in spring:**

2017 goals	All
Small Business Outreach	All
Fluorescent Recycling	

**Action List**

Bob:

- Notify the Highway Dept. to collect the tire pile on the rail trail in North Londonderry that resulted from work done by members of the Conservation Commission.
- Update *Buried Treasure Guide*.
- Check on fluorescent light recycling at the school district.
- Put Duane's flushables flyer on website.
- Determine the latest recycling diversion rate since the launch of the new recycling program.

- Contact IT to arrange for making the third Solid Waste video available ON DEMAND on the DPW homepage (Tom Hodge).
- Identify the videos by title and more conspicuously on the DPW homepage. Can they also be linked to the SWEC homepage?
- Update the flyer on “What to do when the Drop Off Center is closed.”
- Change the name of the *Buried Treasure* link to *Recycling Information* (since it includes all the files under “Recycling Information” on the DPW site).
- Discuss plans with DPW staff for adding some auto repair businesses to our Used Oil Collection program.

Duane:

- Replace sign at the flea market Welcome Sign

Joy:

- Develop topics for our “Going Green in Londonderry” columns.

Paul:

- Confirm the new landscaper for Exit 4 Welcome sign.
- Track procurement of 1 vendor sign for the Flea Market Welcome sign plot.
- Follow up with Londonderry Times on columns contact and publication.
- Draft plans and rules for having some auto repair shops join our Used Oil Collection program.
- Call Vinnie Curro regarding more solid waste videos.
- Spearhead support to publicize the new sharps kiosk planned for spring 2017.

### **Housekeeping & Misc.**

#### Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the December meeting were approved

- Bob said that the DPW had picked up the tires along the rail trail and that he had placed the flushables flyer on the web site.
- Paul discussed the going green columns for the Londonderry Times (LT). Paul was able to speak with Deb Paul and she said to send the columns to her. A light bulb cost comparison is the latest column submitted. Joy is working on an article on plants and we should see that in the paper sometime this spring.
- Paul was also concerned that new multi-family housing in Londonderry was not addressing solid waste and recycling space adequately during the planning phases of the projects. Bob assured the committee that solid waste and recycling collection and having enough collection containers is one of the items that the Town looks at in new projects.
- Bob received the sponsor sign for the flea market Welcome sign that was in bad shape. Bob gave the sign to Duane who will install it in January.
- Bob has rearranged the location and labeling of the videos on the website so it will be easier to find them.

## Main Topics

- Bob will discuss what he learned at the NRRRA conference that he attended in June at the next meeting.
- The committee discussed partnering with two local auto repair businesses as possible outlets for waste oil collection for those residents who might not be able to make it to oil collection days on the first Saturday of each month. Paul prepared a flyer that he was going to review with the two businesses to make sure they understood what was going to be expected of them if they decided to move forward. The committee thought we might want to add one business only to start.
- Bob said that the DPW decided to open up the drop off center for Saturday, January 7th for the sole purpose of residents being able to drop off extra recycling that they may have accumulated during the holiday season. The date that they picked turned out to be a nice day and they had approximately 129 vehicles drop off recyclables. They did not accept any other materials that are normally taken at the drop off center. The DPW is looking into possibly doing this next year. They are not sure how well it might work if the date chosen would have been a bad weather day.
- Bob discussed the sharps kiosk that the DPW is planning on placing in the Town Hall for sharps disposal. He said that the kiosk might be operational in about three months.
- The committee went over each member's action items and updated the list.
- The following is an updated list of action items:

Bob:

- Contact IT to arrange for making the third Solid Waste video available for Paul and the Committee to review prior to putting it on the Web Page.
- Update the flyer on "What to do when the Drop Off Center is closed."
- Change the name of the *Buried Treasure* link to *Recycling Information* (since it includes all the files under "Recycling Information" on the DPW site). Also, update the Buried Treasure.
- Determine the latest recycling diversion rate since the launch of the new recycling program.
- Look into adding the video links to the SWEC homepage.

Duane:

- Replace sign at the flea market Welcome Sign

Joy:

- Develop topics for our "Going Green in Londonderry" columns.
- Help Bob with a column or letter to the editor regarding "What to do when the Drop Off Center is closed".

Paul:

- Confirm the new landscaper for Exit 4 Welcome sign.
- Call Vinnie Curro regarding more solid waste videos.
- Spearhead support to publicize the new sharps kiosk planned for spring 2017.
- Draft rules and an announcement for partnering with businesses to collect used motor oil.
- Draft a letter to the editor talking about the successful Recycling day on January 7, for Bob to review.

The meeting ended at 8:40.