

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2019
(DC Himes)**

Committee Attendance: Paul Margolin, Lynn Wiles, Rick Darveau, Joy Muller, Duane Himes and Bob Kerry (DPW liaison).

Others: Mike Byerly (BL)

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

AGENDA:

Housekeeping (15)

Acceptance of minutes

All

Going Green Columns:

All

<u>Schedule</u>		<u>Column Status</u>
2018 - Jan: D/O Center Alternatives	Joy	Published
- Feb: Nature at your service	ConComm	Published
- Mar: Plastic Film (Part 1)	Paul & Joy	
Published		
- Apr: What Con Comm Does	ConComm	Published
- May: Plastic Film (Part 2)	Paul	No response
- Jun: Rethinking Lawns	ConComm	<i>Received but missed</i>
<i>timely window (On hold till 2019)</i>		
- Jul: Recycling Rules	Lynn	Published (Aug)
- Aug: Oriental Bittersweet	ConComm	Published (Sep)
- Sep: Plastic Film (Part 2)	SWEC	Re-submitted;
Published (Oct)		
- Oct: Protecting Our Water	ConComm	Published (Nov)
- Nov: (SWEC column)	SWEC	Plan the Composting
column next		
- Dec: (ConComm Column)	ConComm	Moved to January
2019 - Jan: Easements	ConComm	Submitted in January
Also: Compost Bins	Rick	Submit in late Jan.
Drop Off Center column	Greg	Status of
Welcome Signs	Paul	Relocation, DOT
ROW, DPW		
Book Donations Bin	Bob, Lynn, Joy	Bin & posting status
Hudson Sustainability Committee	Paul, Rick, Duane	Jan 28 meeting in
Hudson		

Main topics (75)

Beautify Londonderry planning (30)	Mike Byerly
Composting: Bin Sale (25)	Rick et al
Leadership Londonderry pitch (5)	Paul
Chair nominations (10)	Paul
Action Items (5)	All

Future months

Recycling plastic film initiative	All	(Columns, posters, email image, grocery store signage [recycling; reusable bags]; Blue cart contamination
Girl Scouts plans for plastic bags	Joy	
2019 Goals and project ideas		
PTAs - NRRRA Outreach letter	Joy	
The recycling market – actions?	TBD;	Joy (column)
Composting:		
UMass Composting	Gary	
Education & local efforts	Rick, Gary, Paul;	The Exchange
podcast		
Go-Green-Derry.org		

Actions

Mike:

- Prepare write up seeking people to join the BL committee and describing the program; provide to Lynn and Joy for local Facebook / internet posting.
- Present the BL program at the Leadership Londonderry meeting February 7th and invite participants to get involved.

Bob:

- Check with IT on video software format: adding Silverlight or Flash software for videos to run
- Order new signs for the Drop Off Center for the spring
- Place the MRF video on the DPW website
- Check on credit card usage at the Drop Off Center

Joy:

- Working with Erin Brodman at the Access Center over the next few months on revisions to the HHW Day video by late summer
- Write a column on the current status of recycling with an emphasis on “recycling is alive and well in Londonderry” by March
- Put together program with Girl Scouts for next meeting regarding recycling plastic film

- Announcing compost bin program

Paul:

- Plan for Welcome sign relocation in spring
- Re-visit Bob's request for recycling column updates
- Transition the chairmanship to Lynn

Gary:

- Check on status of UMass – Lowell organics composting pilot program.

Lynn:

- Check with Hannaford's about their reusable grocery bag program and parking lot signs.
- Consider producing a PSA on blue bags
- Prepare to chair the committee starting in February

Rick:

- Planning for Composting bin sale; check out NRRA website.

Greg:

- Research the DPW website to the purpose of writing a column about the Drop Off Center services

Housekeeping & Misc. (15)

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the December meeting were approved

Housekeeping & Misc.

- Paul discussed the Going Green columns and their status. Paul said that the columns that were due for November/December will now be submitted for January and February 2019.
- The book donation bins are up and running and an article was in the paper regarding this matter. Bob indicated that the new company is still developing a schedule to empty the bins and assure the bins have available capacity for donations. The committee will be reviewing the status of the bins and how the new vendor performs.
- Paul, Rick and Duane decided that they will attend the February 25th Hudson Sustainability Committee meeting to exchange ideas. Paul will clear that date with the Hudson group.

- KC Signs will be moving the Welcome Sign near the Backyard Brewery sometime this spring.

Main Topics

- Mike Byerly from the Beautify Londonderry (BL) program filled the committee in on his thoughts for the future of BL. He feels that Londonderry has outgrown trying to control litter through a volunteer effort and it appears that volunteers' interests have waned. He suggested a new idea would be to have residents focus on cleanup up their own neighborhoods, with support from the BL committee. The committee discussed how we might get the word out to the residents that BL needs new leadership. It was decided that a request for residents that might want to take over the program should be put out on the Town website as well as on several of the local Face Book pages. Paul asked Mike if he would help with the transition process before he leaves BL and he said he would.
- Paul and Rick discussed the upcoming compost bin sale. Rick had gathered information from NRRA regarding the purchase and sale of compost bins from them. The committee discussed this matter with Bob since the Town will be purchasing the bins based on the resident's interest. Some of the possible communication outlets discussed for the announcement were the Londonderry Times, the Committee's Facebook page, the Town Website, Other Town organization's Face Book pages, etc. The points we will try to get out will be: 1. What the committee is offering, 2. Benefits of composting, and 3. What it takes to compost. Joy developed a Google interest form and passed it out to the committee for their review. Rick planned to send a draft of the write up to the committee by Friday (1/18), and feedback is due back to Rick by Tuesday (1/22). Rick will then send us the final version by Thursday (1/24) for placement in the outlets mentioned.
- The committee discussed the Leadership Londonderry Program. Paul will be going to this meeting to explain what the committee does and how it operates. There are 21 residents signed up to listen to the presentations on February 7th.
- Paul made an announcement at the last meeting that he was going to step down from the committee at the end of 2019 and would accept nominations for a new chair at the January meeting. Lynn Wiles offered to serve as chair. Paul said he would help Lynn with the transition process.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55.