

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2020**

Committee Attendance: Lynn Wiles, Joy Muller, Gary Stewart, John Mahon, Duane Himes, and Bob Kerry (DPW liaison).

Others: Mary Butow, Laura Hajjar, Janet Piazza, Julie Presher

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Agenda: January 10, 2020

- **Acceptance of December 2019 Meeting Minutes**
- **Welcome John Mahon!**
- **2020 Committee Goals**
 - **SWEC Website Content**
 - **SWEC Website Format**
 - **Use of Social Media to spread the word**
 - **Adopt a Road Implementation**
- **Action Item Status**
- **Round Table Discussion**

Acceptance of December 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes were accepted by the committee unanimously

Agenda items discussion:

- The committee welcomed John Mahon, the newest member to join the committee.
- There were four additional residents sitting in on the meeting to observe and ask questions and supply input into the committee.
- Lynn went over the agenda items stating that the evening would be spent going over the goals for 2020. Also, Lynn spent time explaining to the attendees what the committee is all about and what activities the committee gets involved in.
- The committee discussed the road clean up sponsorship program that the committee is setting up for Town roadways.
- The committee discussed the possible goals for 2020.
 - The committee discussed how we would try and get the schools in Town more involved with recycling. There was significant input from the attendees regarding this issue. A suggestion was made about trying to get the high school students involved with mentoring the grade school students. Lynn will reach out to the school board to determine their interest in working with the SWEC to identify and partner with a specific school to develop and implement a recycling and or a plastics reduction program.
 - There was a good discussion about plastic film and how to recycle it and how we might work to try and keep the plastic bags out of the blue bins.

- Bob spoke to the attendees about what a valuable resource the NRRA is and some of the information they have available on their website.
- There was discussion on the possibility of starting a Londonderry Facebook page on recycling. There was additional discussion on how to get the word out to residents regarding recycling.
- Lynn talked about starting a collection of photos that would be available for use for posting on websites and social media regarding recycling.
- John Mahon spoke about the meeting he attended in Derry that had to deal with and steps needed to become plastic free.
- Bob stated that the drop off center would be open starting April 4th provided that the weather cooperates. Otherwise, it will open on April 11th.
- Bob also stated that the drop off center might start accepting credit cards for payments once a few financial issues are approved.

Actions (Updated from meeting)

Bob:

1. Check on credit card usage at the Drop Off Center – still working
2. Contact Waste Management regarding:
 - a. 5 most common recycling contaminants from Londonderry
 - b. Cost of a typical shut down to clear plastic film from equipment at MRF
 - c. Details/ effectiveness of a sticker program

Lynn:

1. Check with Hannaford's about their reusable grocery bag program and parking lot signs – still working
2. Contact Bosch Thermoionics regarding "Adopt -a-Road" – still working

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Next meeting on March 9, 2020.