

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 11, 2019  
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: Girl Scout Troop 10990 (3 leaders, 3 girl scouts)

Meeting started at 7:05 PM.

**Agenda: February 2019**

**Acceptance of January 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Girl Scout Troop 10990- Plastic Film Recycling Discussion**

**SWEC Leadership Change**

**Project Status**

**Hudson Sustainability Committee**

**Composting Program Status**

**Leadership Londonderry Recap**

**Beautify Londonderry Discussion**

**Newspaper Columns**

**Action Item Status**

**Round Table Discussion**

**Actions (Updated from meeting)**

**Bob:**

- 1. Check with IT on video software format: adding Silverlight or Flash software for videos to run**
- 2. Order new signs for the Drop Off Center for the spring**
- 3. Place the MRF video on the DPW website**
- 4. Check on credit card usage at the Drop Off Center**
- 5. Talk with Town about the Girl Scouts placing recycling info display at Voting Day**
- 6. Confirm with Waste Management if Girl Scouts can visit Billerica MRF**

**Joy:**

- 1. Working with Erin Brodman at the Access Center over the next few months on revisions to the HHW Day video by early fall**
- 2. Write a column on the current status of recycling with an emphasis on “recycling is alive and well in Londonderry” by March**

**Paul:**

- 1. Plan for Welcome sign relocation in spring**
- 2. Re-visit Bob's request for recycling column updates**
- 3. Send out note to committee members regarding the Hudson Sustainability Meeting time and date**
- 4. Send a picture of a conveyor at a single stream plant to Joy.**
- 5. Send an article to Londonderry Times and (a little later) Londonderry.net**

**Gary:**

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

**Greg:**

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

**Lynn:**

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

**Action item list has been updated per meeting notes.**

### **Housekeeping & Misc. (15)**

#### Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes from the January meeting were approved

#### Housekeeping & Main Topics

- Members of Girl Scout Troop 10990 and leaders were at the meeting to discuss a service project they wanted to perform. They indicated that they would like to do some announcements/posters to help raise an awareness about recycling contamination and trying to keep plastic film from being recycled in the weekly recycle bins. They asked if one of the committee members would be their sponsor for this services project. Duane Himes volunteered to work with them and answer some questions if they should have any.
- Lynn Wiles has volunteered to be the new SWEC leader and he prepared the meeting agenda and ran the meeting this month. Paul Margolin attended the meeting and will help Lynn with the transition into the leader's position.
- Paul, Rick, Duane, Gary and Lynn will attend the February 25<sup>th</sup> Hudson Sustainability Committee meeting to exchange ideas. Paul has cleared that date with the Hudson group and the meeting will be at Hudson Town Hall.

- The committee discussed the Girl Scouts setting up a display at voting day in March to help educate the voters about keeping plastic film out of the recycling bin.
- Bob brought up the issue of the buried treasure informational booklet and that it was time to update the booklet to bring it up to date with current policies.
- Paul, Joy and Rick discussed the upcoming compost bin sale. Rick has 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 communicate in the column will be:
  1. Details on the compost sale
  2. Benefits of composting
  3. What it takes to compost.

Joy developed a Google interest form and passed it out to the committee for their review. The committee will review the draft of the write up. Paul submitted the article to the Londonderry Times on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Paul, Bob and Mike Byerly attended leadership Londonderry meeting to present and describe what DPW Solid Waste division, SWEC, and Beautify Londonderry do. There were approximately 20 residents that attended to find out how they might get involved in Londonderry committees or elected positions. Paul said that there were plenty of questions from the 20 attendees.
- Paul talked about his discussions with Mike Byerly from the Beautify Londonderry (BL) and the committee discussed what to do about trying to find a replacement for Mike with his cooperation in the coming months.
- Future newspaper columns will include composting for the February column (Rick/Paul), the Conservation Commission will do the March column and the Committee will provide the April column (Joy) will be about the state of recycling today.
- Bob indicated that if all goes well weather wise, that the drop off center will open for the 2019 season on April 6, 2019. Also, that by the beginning of May the drop off center will be open on Wednesday evenings.

There were no roundhouse discussions at the end of the meeting.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:55.**