

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

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

Others: Debbie Putnam, Hudson Sustainability Committee

Meeting started at 7:15 PM.

Agenda: March 11, 2019
Acceptance of February 2019 Meeting Minutes
Project Status
Hudson Sustainability Committee Recap
Composting Program Status
NRRA Training Sessions
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 – In progress
2. Order new signs for the Drop Off Center for the spring – In progress
3. Place the MRF video on the DPW website – In progress
4. Check on credit card usage at the Drop Off Center

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 April for May paper

Paul:

1. Plan for Welcome sign relocation in spring
2. Re-visit Bob's request for recycling column updates
3. 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**

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

- Paul, Rick, Lynn, and Duane attended the February 25th Hudson Sustainability Committee meeting to exchange ideas. Paul, Rick, Lynn, and Duane give their input from that meeting to other committee members. Debbie Putnam from Hudson sat in on the meeting to listen to what our committee had to discuss. There was a good exchange of ideas and there are a lot of similarities between the Towns and what the committees are doing.
- The committee discussed the composting initiative and Rick gave a talk on his conversations with the NRRA and their expectations. The program is well in place for residents to sign up to get a composting bin and/or pail.
- 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. Paul submitted the article to the Londonderry Times on Friday the 15th and is waiting for it to run in the Londonderry Times. Bob will take care of getting the composting bin write up on to the Town web page.
- The committee discussed some NRRA training sessions being offered in Plymouth, NH on May 2, 2019, with topics regarding composting and batteries.
- Paul talked with Mike Byerly from the Beautify Londonderry (BL) and he informed Paul that a woman who attended the Londonderry Leadership training said that she would step into the role of running Beautify Londonderry. That person is Renee Williams. There will be a meeting next week regarding BL and trying to get a kick-off time frame.
- Future newspaper columns will include composting for the March column (Rick/Paul), the Conservation Commission will do the April column, which will focus on lawn care and the Committee will provide the May column (Joy) will be about the state of recycling today.
- The Girl Scouts will have a display board on voting day about recycling do's and don'ts and plastic film recycling. They will also be able to place the display in the first-floor lobby of Town Hall.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.