

Londonderry Solid Waste and Environment Committee

Meeting Minutes Sept 9, 2019

Attendees:

Duane Himes
Lynn Wiles
Bob Kerry
Richard Darveau
Paul Margolin

- Acceptance of July 2019 Meeting Minutes
- Old Home Day Summary

Joy's Girl Scout Troop made a display on recycling and put signs on garbage bins that were at the Common at Old Home Day. Paul brought a miniature version of the recycling blue bin along with a large recycling bin with signs to encourage people not to put plastic bags in blue bins.

Paul is working with Sherry Farrell to find a spot on the first floor of Town Hall to put a blue bin with the sign about not putting plastic bags in the recycling bin. Sherry offered to include plastic film recycling issue in her Derry News newspaper column.

Paul brought in the Girl Scout display from the Common, Bob will hold onto the display in the Department of Public Works office for Joy to pick up.

- Composting Bin Program Survey

Most people that responded stated that they heard of the program in the Londonderry Times article. Two people stated that they saw the sale on the social media. Respondents indicated that it was difficult to find the sale notice buried in the Committee web site. Maybe next year include picture of the bins with a person next to it. Bob Kerry mentioned that we should continue to post periodic notices on social media to advertise that bins are still available. Lynn and Joy (in absentia) volunteered to run more articles on social media.

- Adopt-a-Road Program

Bosch Thermotechnology approached the Town Manager's office in July about "adopting" Wentworth Road as a team building initiative. How do we as a committee work with Bosch to meet their desires without creating another task for the committee to manage? The "Beautify Londonderry" committee has reduced volunteer staff. Bob mentioned that the DPW works with Ecco Shoe on an informal basis to support their efforts to collect litter on their road (Delta Drive). The DPW has also previously worked with Stonyfield Farms in a similar manner. Bob inquired if Bosch could be accommodated with a similar approach. Lynn responded that he talked to Bosch HR and it appears they were not interested in gloves and bags, but instead wanted to have a sign installed to indicate their participation. Bob stated that they had signs 18"x24" done in the past for the Anti-Litter Committee and nobody could read them, as the copy was too small. Bosch is located on Wentworth Ave. Again Bob recommended an informal program to address signage acknowledging the company's participation. Bob mentioned that there are concerns about liability in picking up road trash – especially when the Town is endorsing the activity. Bob will work the Town Manager's office to get a legal opinion on proceeding with an informal program.

- Action Item Status

Paul- The Welcome sign on Rockingham Road at the North Londonderry - Manchester Line has finally been relocated by KC Signs, and Shady Hill landscaped it for the fall last weekend. This lengthy action item is finally done.

Bob - Update on credit card usage at the Drop Off Center. Bob said that there is nothing new on status of credit card usage. Bob mentioned that there is a landline at the recycling 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. Joy was absent –so no update.

Paul - Re-visit Bob's request for recycling column updates. Paul will be working on this shortly. Bob mentioned that we should label check with the Town web sites for updates.

Greg - Research the DPW website for the purpose of writing a column about the Drop Off Center services. Delete this action item

Lynn - Check with Hannaford's about their reusable grocery bag program and parking lot signs. Still working.

Lynn - Consider producing a PSA on blue bags. Still working.

- Round Table Discussion

Paul- The food waste column was published (July issue). Paul prepared an article (September issue) about residents properly disposing of their pet waste on the rail trail and other public / private areas, and storm drains. Paul also has a Christmas tree column prepared for later publishing (November).

Paul proposed approaching Londonderry Trailways to help in writing a couple newspaper columns annually, which will relieve the burden on SWEC and ConComm.

Lynn- Let's set a 2020 goal to re-vamp the SWEC website to remove/update outdated information and make navigating the site easier.

Bob- Revisit "Buried Treasure" with committee and update as appropriate in 2020. Also look at updating content and format of DPW Solid Waste web site. Look into possibility of adding a "hit" counter to indicate public interest.

Next meeting: October 21, 2019

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM