

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 9, 2021**

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

Absent: Duane Himes

**Meeting started at 7:00 PM. In the Elwood Conference Room**

**Agenda: August 9, 2021**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Administrative Board Work**
  - a. Welcome Ron Dunn to the Committee**
  - b. Approval of June Minutes**
- III. Old Business**
  - a. Beautify Londonderry update**
    - a. Adopt-A-Road status**
  - b. New residents' program update**
  - c. Social Media news and planning**
  - d. SWEC Website**
    - 1) Going Green columns**
  - e. Waste oil collection**
  - f. Pizza Box Recycling Flyers**
- IV. New Business**
- V. Other Business**
  - a. Action Register**
  - b. Round table discussion**
  - c. Next meeting- September 13, 2021**
    - a. Discuss October meeting date**
- VI. Adjournment**

**Acceptance of June 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Meeting minutes were accepted by the committee unanimously.**

**Agenda items discussion:**

- New committee member Ron Dunn introduced to SWEC. Motion to approve June minutes as written made by John, seconded by Joy. Approved 6-0. Lynn to follow-up with Duane and Kirby on publication of June minutes.
- Beautify Londonderry – Joy spoke with Karla Dias, Pastor at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, regarding interest in a potential BL project at the corner of Pillsbury and Mammoth Roads on church property. Joy also spoke with Londonderry Christian Church's Pastor Dave Harrison and with several scout troops about potential clean-up projects. Lynn suggested Joy contact Marty Srugis regarding potential clean-up efforts at the LAFA fields.
- Adopt-A-Road – Lynn will contact Bosch to introduce John as the new Adopt-a-Road contact. Bob will act as liaison to John Trottier at Public Works and detail

him as required on Adopt-A-Road. Some work needs to be done to further flesh-out two-part Adopt-A-Road signage.

- New Residents Program – 32 new residents packets mailed from the May report. John is in receipt of the June report and the July report is due shortly.
- Social Media News and Planning – Lynn discussed upcoming Going Green column in Londonderry Times. Joy is planning a letter to the Times on the environmentally wasteful aspects of “Fast Fashion”. Prior to Household Hazardous Waste Day, there will be a need to publicize again via social media what to do with latex paint and used oil rather than bringing them to HHW site.
- Going Green – Several committee members are finishing up their updates on Going Green columns from the past. Notably, Joy discussed the need to add a discussion of vaping materials to the Going Green article covering cigarette butts.
- Waste Oil Collection – Gary will make additional keys for the Waste Oil collection shed behind Central Station and distribute as required. There will be 2 collection days in November. The first will be as regularly scheduled on Nov. 6; the second will be on Nov. 13 concurrent with Household Hazardous Waste Day.
- Pizza Box Flyers – Bob distributed additional laminated pizza box flyers. John reviewed list of targeted pizza parlors. Ron volunteered to visit several pizza places in Merrimack with flyers.
- Actions Register from Last Meeting –
  - No new info as yet on solar-powered trash compactors.
  - Ron Dunn added as new committee member. One additional member needed. Ron indicated that he might be able to recruit someone.
  - SWEC website editing is ongoing.
  - Adopt-A-Road contact shifts to John after Lynn’s introduction to Bosch.
- Discussion on paper shredding as a solid waste topic. Bob to do some additional investigation but he indicated that shredded paper is not recyclable. Lynn and Ron both had some experience with companies that provide shredding services. An open question is whether or not the Solid Waste Committee can offer something of interest to Londonderry such as hosting a town wide paper shredding service or event. Lynn will make some inquiries regarding cost for further discussion at the September SWEC committee meeting.
- The recycling market is showing signs of recovery, as the commodity values of recyclables are increasing. For the past several months, we have received small rebate payments for the first time in a number of years. The size and capacity of Waste Management has helped facilitate this change. Future commodity values may fluctuate as the economy recovers from the effects of the pandemic, but minimizing the need for landfill capacity through proper recycling remains a top priority.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day – November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Next Meeting – September 13<sup>th</sup>. The October meeting will move from October 11 (Columbus Day) to either October 4 or October 18. TBD.
- Motion to Adjourn by Joy; seconded by John. 6-0 in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned approx. 8:40 pm.

Minutes by John Mahon