

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 8, 2019  
(DC Himes)**

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

Others: Peter Richard, Sebastian Chylinski

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

**Agenda: April 8, 2019**

**Acceptance of March 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Project Status**

**Composting Program Status**

**NRRA Training Sessions**

**Newspaper Columns**

**Action Item Status**

**Round Table Discussion**

**Where do we go from here? SWEC charter discussion**

**Actions (Updated from meeting)**

**Bob:**

1. 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

**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 & Miscellaneous**

### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

The minutes from the March meeting were approved

### **Housekeeping & Main Topics**

- Peter Richard and his son, Sebastian, were at the meeting to find out more about the committee and what we do and what the Town does for waste disposal and recycling. They are from Cub Scout Pack 501 and they would like the Pack to be more involved with the Town's solid waste process. They were also looking on how they might be able to arrange a trip to Waste Management's single stream recycling facility in Billerica. Bob discussed the Town's program and how the Town handles the solid waste that we produce.
- The committee discussed the composting initiative and Lynn gave a rundown of the program status. The SWEC has received 55 positive responses from residents who would like to order a composting bin/pail. The committee decided that the sign up for the bins/pails should end on Thursday April 18, 2019.
- The committee discussed some NRRRA training sessions being offered in Plymouth, NH on May 2, 2019, with topics regarding composting and batteries. There was some discussion among the committee on the possibility of the Town picking up some of the costs should someone wish to go. Bob said he would check into Town involvement to help pay for the costs. The committee felt that the individuals who might like to attend would need to show some positive advantage for the Town to be considered for reimbursement.
- We published a compost bin offer 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), which will be about the state of recycling today.
- There was a roundtable discussion on trying to ban plastic straws in Londonderry. The committee felt it would be a good idea since several municipalities in the USA are doing this, however most thought that it would be a hard sell in Londonderry and New Hampshire. We also began a discussion on making the committee more proactive on certain issues. This conversation will continue in future meetings.

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

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.**