

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2019**

Committee Attendance: Lynn Wiles, Rick Darveau, Paul Margolin, Joy Muller, Greg Warner, Bob Kerry (DPW liaison).

Others: Idan Vinitsky - Londonderry Times

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Acceptance of April 2019 Meeting Minutes

Project Status

- **Composting**
 - Joy volunteered for initial contact of the people that signed up to receive a bin.
 - Bob Kerry suggested that we have people pick up their compost materials at the old school administration building next to Town Hall. Rick will make up invoice forms for customers.
 - CHECKS ONLY. Bob will need to finalize the invoice format with the Town Finance dept. Bob will produce the final invoice forms for the committee members to use,
 - Make sure that the bin can fit – come with bungee and / or a larger trunk space.
 - Pick up dates will be June 1st and 8th. – 8:00am to noon. Rick Darveau volunteered for both. Paul will come June 1st, and possibly Duane.
 - Lynn and Joy and possibly Gary on the 8th.
 - Material to be delivered by the DPW to Town Hall before the 1st.
 - Paul will have a flyer ready for people at the bin pick up location to promote the SW&E Committee.
 - Laura kept a list of people that called in after the deadline. Bob Kerry to forward to Joy these people's contact information.
- **Beautify Londonderry Mission**
 - Lynn invited Mike Byerly (outgoing head of Beautify Londonderry) and Renee Williams, new chair, to the June meeting. We would like to discuss future goals.
 - Original goals: Planting organics and litter clean-up. Roadside Pride. What does this do as our brand? We rebrand as the "Roadside Pride committee?" [Joy did not support rebranding.] Paul said that the present responsibilities are landscaping (planting, mulching) and litter clean-up. Do we need a new mission statement?
 - Paul: History: Mike Byerly – warrant on the ballot tried to get town monetary support back in 2017 (?) – with \$65,000 request.
 - Possible detachment from the SW&E Committee? Not recommended.
 - Bob Kerry mentioned that the committee recently produced t-shirts for the volunteers.

- The BL committee has not solicited donations from companies in recent years, which is a drain on the Beautify Londonderry / Welcome Sign fund. For the first 7-8 years of the program donors were always solicited (nurseries, landscapers, other companies).
- Renee spoke of engaging the schools to participate more.
- Lynn – we suggest no change to our current relationship: they take the lead and we perform an advisory role.
- Lynn mentioned a newspaper article about donating organics to the Town forest. Joy thought this might be a Girl Scout project.
- Paul mentioned a Rail Trail Project that he had heard about. Paul will reach out to Kent Allen about donated seedlings if the offer is still available.

These subjects will be discussed at the next meeting in consultation with Mike and Renee. Renee will be providing a report on her thoughts.

- **Welcome Sign Relocation**
 - Paul – no update. KC Signs hasn't relocated the signs yet due to the frequent days of rain this spring.
- **Scouting Groups MRF Outreach**
 - Bob – no one has contacted him. Lynn – will reach out to Peter Richard to see if the cub scouts are still interested in an MRF tour.
 - Paul talked about redesigning the foyer layout at Town Hall for the items that relate to Solid Waste especially. He will contact Sherry Farrell.
- **Daniel Grant email**
 - Paul- we have always tried to engage students about our goals.
 - One teacher expressed an interest: Where is our landfill? Daniel Grant –name and contact.
- **New Recycling Program – Community Outreach**
 - Lynn mentioned an advertising campaign to notify the Town residents about our recycling program. Bob Kerry mentioned that the recycling program may be modified over time, but it is too early to release any details at this time.
- **Newspaper Columns**
 - Paul –Up to date. Last column was from the Conservation Committee on "Rethinking Your Lawn".
 - Joy to write an article by Friday May 17 on the Town of Londonderry recycling program (four to five hundred words). Joy to get together with Bob Kerry.
- **Action Item Status**

Actions (Updated from meeting)

Bob:

1. **Check on credit card usage at the Drop Off Center**
2. **Order new sign for the drop-off center, Sign has arrived and will be installed over the next several weeks.**

Joy:

1. Working with Erin Brodman at the Access Center over the next few months on revisions to the HHW Day video by late summer.
2. Write a column on the current status of recycling with an emphasis on “recycling is alive and well in Londonderry” for May paper

Paul:

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting on June 10th.