

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2019**

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

Others: None

Meeting started at 7:05 PM.

**Acceptance of June 2019 Meeting Minutes
Project Status**

- **Composting**
 - Presently, 79 bins and 57 pails have been picked by those who had expressed an interest.
 - Bob said that the NRRA delivered one less pallet of bins, so he will keep his eye on the invoices to make sure the Town does not get charged for that pallet.
 - Eighteen residents who originally expressed an interest did not pick up their order of bins/pails. As such, there are 20 bins and 3 pails currently remaining in inventory.
 - Bob requested the committee post monthly social media reminders announcing that bins and pails are available for purchase at the DPW office.
 - In general, Bob and the committee members were pleased with the outcome of the program.
- **Welcome Sign Relocation**
 - KC Signs has still not relocated the Welcome to Londonderry sign out by the Backyard Brewery. Paul contacted KC Signs and they said not to worry because they would do it before the snow flies. Paul will look into getting quotes for someone to move the sign in case the committee decides to not wait for KC to relocate it.
- **Old Home Days Opportunities**
 - Lynn suggested that it would be good to have a booth at the Old Home Days celebration. The committee discussed the matter and decided that, based on past interest from the public, a booth would not be a wise investment of time and effort. Instead the committee is looking into locating some of the signs and graphics that have been used for recycling around the booths, maybe near where the waste/recycling bins are located that might make people think about recycling.

- **Scouting Groups MRF Outreach**
 - Joy and the Girl Scouts visited Waste Management's recycling facility in Billerica on June 13th. Joy said that they were quite impressed with how items get recycled once the residents place it in the blue bin.
- **NRRA Discussions**
 - Bob talked about what topics were presented and discussed at the NRRA conference in Manchester. He said they discussed the present recycling situation. Since China is no longer accepting recycling from the western world, American companies are looking at alternative ways to make recycling work.
 - There are new technologies coming that take the recycling along with the municipal solid waste and they break it down into a lot of different streams for recycling and can further break the materials down into their molecular structure for processing.
 - Duane verified that he had gone to a seminar where three different companies have developed a similar technology for breaking the waste down into these different streams. The companies were from Nova Scotia, Maine and San Francisco area.
 - Bob said that he has had discussions with Waste Management about placing a sticker on any blue bins that have plastic bags that are noticeable from the outside.
- Greg Warner informed the committee that he was going to resign. Lynn asked him to formally submit a resignation letter to the committee chairman that we could then pass along to Kirby Brown.
- There will be no August SWEC meeting and the next meeting will be on September 9, 2019.
- **Action Item Status**

Actions (Updated from meeting)

Bob:

1. Check on credit card usage at the Drop Off Center – still working

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 – still working
2. Work with the Girl Scouts to prepare recycling signs for Old Home Day trash bins

Paul:

1. Re-visit Bob's request for recycling column updates – still working
2. Work with sign company to relocate the Rockingham Road Welcome Sign

3. **Contact Reid Clark and support Joy regarding deployment of bin signage at Old Home Day**

Greg:

1. **Research the DPW website to the purpose of writing a column about the Drop Off Center services – Now un-assigned**

Rick:

1. **Use compost bin mailing list to survey people on how they heard of the compost bin sale**

Lynn:

1. **Check with Hannaford's about their reusable grocery bag program and parking lot signs – still working**
2. **Consider producing a PSA on blue bags – still working**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Next meeting on September 9th.