

**Minutes**  
**Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee**  
**Earth Day 4-22-02 7:30 am**

**Present:** Acting Chair, Julie Newman; Recorder, Jessie McKone; Merle Craig; Guy Hodgdon; guest, Dale Valena; Joyce Sheffield (7:30-7:45); Mike Lynch (7:30-8:45); Annmarie Harris (9:00-10:00)

**Minutes:** not discussed (to be approved at the next meeting: 4-8-02 and 4-22-02 minutes)

Dale Valena was introduced by Joyce Sheffield as a Durham citizen who is interested in joining the committee. Dale indicated that she was very impressed by the recent DIWMAC newsletter and was interested in helping further the goals of this committee. Hugs and thank-yous were given to Joyce and we expressed hope that Joyce would join in with some of our future projects.

Mike Lynch, director of Public Works, reported that, to date, 112 orders for 151 compost bins have been received. Seventy of these orders were from the newsletter order form. Jessie showed a flyer for the bins she picked up at Shop and Save in Dover from the Strafford County Conservation District, who was listing the bin for a \$5 profit (each bin for \$30). If this opportunity is available to us next year we might consider doing this as a fundraiser for our newsletter fund. To round out this years campaign for the bins, Merle said she would contact Dick Houghton to see if we could display a bin at Houghton's Hardware for a couple of weeks. She will make arrangements to get the bin and flyers there, if so.

Mike Lynch presented a second draft to this committee of a communication to the Town Council regarding a newly suggested fee schedule for the Solid Waste Management Facility. Much discussion ensued with focus on the logistics of the multi-unit requirements. There will be some awkward record-keeping requirements if the language on multi-units is left as is. Mike said he was very willing to take further suggestions, including complete overhauls, if they could be written out in the format of the "Council Communication". He couldn't guarantee that all suggestions would be used, but said that there is more time to consider options in that the presentation date for this document was likely to be pushed back due to other council issues coming up. As of today (4-22-02) Todd Selig had not met with Mike on the second draft anyway. Jessie indicated an interest in making changes and Julie suggested looking back to earlier committee recommendations that might be re-considered. There may be a record of the number of occupants per multi-units in Durham and Mike said he would look into this if it were going to be needed as part of our decision-making. He reminded us that multi-units now have dumpsters that landlords pay to have emptied either weekly or bi-weekly even if they are not filled. Does this relate to any suggestions we make about Spring Clean Up ?

Annmarie arrived after Mike left, having spent time this morning taking photos around town to document how many aluminum cans were being trashed instead of recycled in the aftermath of the UNH Spring Festivus. Discussion continued on the new fee schedule

and Annmarie suggested that a special flyer be made available regarding the electronics/CFC appliance sticker requirements if this issue passes Council approval. (The recommendation is that this sticker system be instituted as of July 1, 2002.) Guy noted that the NRRA has certified Cyberjunk as a legitimate recycler of electronics. He also noted that only computer monitors and TVs would require the \$10.00 stickers-- CPUs, keyboards, fax machines and VCRs would be accepted for free. Annmarie urged that we encourage computers to be donated to Goodwill or other organizations that need old computers, before "junking" them.

Do we want to include in the language of the fee schedule that a contractor with a signed note from the homeowner may pick up a temporary demolition permit from Public Works ?

Remember: The Swap Shop needs volunteers. Our committee will be there (in shifts ?) on May 4<sup>th</sup> to take sign ups for volunteers and to help evaluate the guidelines we have set up. It will be interesting to see how many weather-proof items are left for the Swap Shop on the first day. Call Tracy or Guy to volunteer for a shift.

We are going to shift our meeting dates so that they don't conflict with Public Works payroll days. We scheduled our next two meetings for May 13<sup>th</sup> and then to avoid Memorial Day, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. (But now that I look at the calendar, June 3<sup>rd</sup> may be a payroll date so this may be open to change--but we'll see you on May 13<sup>th</sup>.)

Jessie reported that Diana Carroll would like the committee to think about new initiatives for the committee since the compost bin campaign will be over as of May 6<sup>th</sup>. One idea Diana had was to focus on junk mail waste. Annmarie said she would like to look into improved town efforts to recoup aluminum and research the possibility of a "town required bottle bill" to allow for refund of a deposit for returned cans (?). Or to brainstorm ways to improve community recycling at town/university events. Bring your ideas to the next meeting and also think about what topics you'd like to see addressed in the next newsletter. Merle and Jessie will share a report on what it took to produce the Spring newsletter at the next meeting. Someone suggested highlighting the energy savings Dick Houghton achieved in a recent store renovation as a possible newsletter article.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.