

Minutes

6-10-02

7:30 am

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Diana Carroll, chair; Dale Valena, Julie Newman, Richard Gallant, Merle Craig, Guy Hodgdon, Mike Lynch (8:15), Annmarie Harris (8:45), Jessie McKone, recorder

The minutes from 5-13-02 were approved.

A sign up sheet was handed around for helping with compost bin distribution during the week of June 17th. More volunteers will be needed and Jessie will keep the sign-up list and phone some potential volunteers. Shari at Public Works will outline the process when volunteers arrive. Help will be needed from 8 am- 4:30 pm each day that week.

Diana showed a poster showing biodegradation time for various items disposed of at sea. Guy will laminate the poster and post it at (Town Hall ?). If you would like to order a copy of the poster, call 1-800-691-MOTE. Guy mentioned that he is looking into putting up a bulletin board at the SWMF for notices and so that people could post items that might be too tricky to bring to the Swap Shop. (Someone wanted to post info about an organ recently.)

FYI from Guy: Call Cyberjunk if used computers are needed by charitable groups. They donate. The UNH webpage may also post available surplus computers, etc.

Mike arrived for a discussion of the final draft of the proposed fee schedule for the SWMF. Committee members suggested minor refinements and commended Mike for overall content and presentation. The estimated revenue from the new fee schedule is based on the sale of approximately 950 permits @ \$25.00 each. Mike will notify committee members if the fee schedule will not be on the July 8th Council Agenda. If the electronics/refrigeration appliances sticker requirement goes into effect on August 1st, Public Works will advertise through channel 22 and by using downtown sign holders. Mike will also consider sending postcards to the approximately 1000 current permit holders to promote awareness.

Regarding the earlier Spring Clean Up this year, Mike said that the pick up was done in 8 days, compared to 11 days last year, because the volume was less. Other advantages included that downtown was clean for Commencement and the Memorial Day parade. Some landlords are already planning to include the cost of (sofa/mattress, etc.) disposal in their future lease agreements.

A Request for Proposals has been issued for the fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection for one of three Saturdays in September. A proposal must be approved by the Council before a date can be considered official. When a date is finalized it will be advertised on channel 22 and a special flyer will most likely be mailed. We will not try to coincide the next newsletter with the HHW collection announcement. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) provides background information on what can and cannot be accepted for the HHW collection. Diana would like to see an annual HHW collection planned.

Topics for our fall newsletter were brainstormed and a partial list of topics is included at the end of the minutes. Anyone wanting to add to the list or to select a particular topic to write up for the newsletter should contact Merle or Jessie before our next meeting. Merle will contact

Mike about the info he needs to have included in the newsletter regarding Fall Clean Up. Annmarie suggested that we publicly thank those landlords who removed the roll -offs quickly after the UNH exodus and/or those who provided additional dumpsters to accommodate all the waste. This could be published in the newsletter. At what point is intervention by the Health Department required when landlords allow trash to lay around for days ? A citizen initiative before the Council could have considerable impact in this area.

Guy reported that recycling markets are quite good. Electronics are now being processed by weight instead of by individual item and this is saving some money for Durham. Corrugated cardboard brought in \$72. per ton this month compared to \$24. per ton last month, but it could plummet just as quickly. The private hauling of co-mingled items is going well.

Our next meeting will be June 24th with the succeeding meeting being scheduled tentatively for July 8th.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am. Please note the following information:

Possible topics for the Fall newsletter:

- ☛ Toxic-free households/Avoiding toxics in hardware/grocery/department stores
- ☛ Highlight Durham business people who are doing good things for the environment
- ☛ Durham Police collecting old cell phones/ Cell phone pollution
- ☛ Durham's plans for fluorescent tube recycling and electronics/(freon) recycling
- ☛ What happens to glass, tires, textiles, TVs when recycled
- ☛ What waste services cost and how are they funded?
- ☛ What's happening with environmental education at our schools and at UNH
- ☛ The new SWMF fee schedule/ how will revenues be used ?
- ☛ Compost bin update
- ☛ Swap Shop update--how to volunteer
- ☛ Fall Clean Up info/ Spring Clean Up review
- ☛ Ask Public Works--questions from survey or FAQs
- ☛ Construction and Demolition recycling update
- ☛ More on precycling and reduction
- ☛ Summer conference summary
- ☛ How to contact DIWMAC and submit information or ask questions
- ☛ Directions to the Durham website and to the DIWMAC page
- ☛ Reminder of grant funding being used for this publication
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