

Minutes

7-22-02

7:30 am

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Diana Carroll, chair; Merle Craig, Richard Gallant, Guy Hodgdon, Julie Newman, Dale Valena, Tracy Wood, Jessie McKone, recorder

The minutes of our 7-8-02 meeting were approved.

Diana shared information about a composting field trip on Sept. 12 sponsored by the Urban Forestry Center (431-6774) and about a composting workshop offered through the University of Maine. The workshop has 2 separate sessions during September and October. See Diana for contact information.

Guy shared several articles: one about aluminum can recycling from Todd Selig, one about stopping junk mail from Marc Morgan, and a flyer about a fund-raising casino/dance cruise for NRRA.

Diana asked for assurances that everything being picked up at curbside and everything going out of the transfer station is being recycled. Guy assured that it all is. (Except the trash, of course.) Guy also reminded us that plans are moving forward for the construction of a plastic recycling industry in NH. Perhaps residents will be able to recycle more types of plastics when it is up and running.

Whose responsibility is it to plan for recycling receptacles at town events ? This detail could be included in the application process to ensure that the appropriate arrangements are made. Julie reports that the UNH Office of Sustainability Programs has the capability of providing a “traveling compost receptacle” for town events. That’s great to know.

Diana confirmed that several committee members are planning to come to the town council meeting tonight (7/22). Topics for the 10-minute report include the newsletter, the swap shop, compost bins, this years hazardous waste collection, and the proposed fee schedule for the SWMF. Diana, Jessie and Tracy will speak.

Excerpts of 2 town council meeting were aired for about 15 minutes so that the committee could see Guy’s June 17th presentation to the town council and get a better idea of topics that the council has recently touched on that relate to this committee. Guy described the efforts of the committee as phenomenal and indicated that we put in a lot of time. Thanks for the kind words ! We also learned that an LCD (?) projector owned by the Durham Fire Department may be borrowed for projecting from a (laptop) computer for presentations.

Dale is waiting to hear back from Blaine Cox. She will invite him and a senior student to meet with us on August 5th to discuss school recycling initiatives, etc.

Julie reported that the Durham MarketPlace is continuing to send compostable food waste to be composted. Chuck Cressy volunteered to hire 2 students who use the UNH OSP truck to

transport the “bounty”. Julie also suggested that we think about how we might use the DES flyer “Hazardous Materials In Your Home” The info is available free on the DES website and the brochures are 4 cents a piece.

The Oyster Clean Up is an offshoot of the annual Coastal Clean Up and will be observed on September 21st. Possible areas of concentration are the Durham Landing, Mill Pond, Jackson Landing and Beard’s Creek (behind Young Drive). Will a cook-out lure lots of volunteers ?

Merle handed out the preliminary layout for the fall issue of “Down To Earth”. Julie suggested that we include the website for the UNH Free Classifieds in our newsletter because it could supplement our swap shop efforts. Dale suggested asking questions like “Why do we use particular toxic products” so as to encourage people to think about their own habits. Richard suggested e-mailing the required drafts so that the editors would not have so much typing to do. A sub-committee will meet with Shari at Public Works to develop the best possible info sheet for the hazardous waste collection. Reminder: first drafts are due to Merle or Jessie by August 12th.

Tracy and Richard are well ahead of the deadline. __

A request for proposals will be going out for privatization of trash and recycling services. More information will be available soon.

Our next 2 meetings are scheduled for 8/5/02 and 8/26/02.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.