

Minutes

8-26-02

7:30 am

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

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

The minutes for the August 5th meeting were approved.

Julie displayed a **draft poster** that her office (UNH-OSP) has been working on with a UNH media specialist. The poster uses colorful photographs and simple text to illustrate the composting being done at Durham Marketplace. The poster acknowledges that the project is jointly sponsored by the UNH-OSP and DIWMAC. In October, when the 3' x 4' poster is ready it will be hung over the produce section of the store. The poster is very attractive.

Self-tested procedures for **non-toxic cleaning and gardening** were shared in discussion. Various publications are available with "recipes" using natural ingredients such as baking soda, lemon juice, salt, vinegar and buttermilk. Some of this info could go into the newsletter. Authors mentioned include William McDonough, author of Cradle to Cradle and Jerry Baker, author of Green Grass Magic. Manufacturers mentioned include Sun and Earth, Ecover, and Gardens Alive. US News and World Report (8-5-02) has an article entitled "The Green Machine" recommended by Diana. Julie spoke of a "green cleaning" demonstration that could be arranged. Reel mowers have a real place in suburbia.

Diana reported that she needs to put together a specific **budget** to give to the towns finance committee. Items to be included would be paper and newsletter printing supplies, and a portable communication board for community events.

The committee will consider bringing a display to **Durham Day** at Wagon Hill Farm on Sept. 8th from 1-4 pm. Diana will see if the Governor's program composting display is available. Perhaps we could have our own display including info about the swap shop.

The Annual **Coastal Clean-up** is Sept. 21st. Julie will provide more information at the next meeting. Merle suggested an annual calendar of Durham (or state/national) events that DIWMAC needs to plan ahead for. She will work on it. Richard will work on getting information about timely posting of info on the Durham website.

Newsletter Update: Jessie and Merle gave a progress report. Kenaf paper will be ordered today. It will cost ~ \$380 because shipping charges have been added on. Since we are printing "in-house" soy ink will not be used. Printing is tentatively scheduled for October 3rd and 4th and folding, addressing and bulk sorting will be done between Oct. 7-11. Topics outlined in the preliminary layout are taking

shape and undergoing editing. Excerpts from the DES toxics flyer are encouraged by the DES and will be used.

Julie reported that she intends to submit a **grant proposal** to Newman's Own Foundation so that we can continue to afford future projects. She will investigate several possible grants, since there is no guarantee that we'll get what we apply for.

Merle will e-mail her suggestions for the **SWMF site design** to committee members. The committee should make recommendations regarding traffic flow that supports general goals. Since Diana had to leave this meeting early, we will confer with her to determine a timeline for action.

Dale will try to contact Blaine Cox to offer assistance regarding the **school inventory for recycling bins**. She will contact student representatives for recycling ASAP. She will pick up photos today of volunteers erecting the **swap shop tent** so that they can be used for the newsletter. We intend to recognize Roland Marquis and Kevin Tonkin in the newsletter for their generous help on a very hot day, setting up the tent. It is a super addition to the swap shop.

Julie announced that UNH has decided to **purchase paper** with a minimum of 75% recycled content. Does this committee want to recommend the same policy to the Town ? This should be discussed at the next meeting.

The **next meeting** has been scheduled for **FRIDAY**, Sept. 6th at 7:30 am in Council Chambers.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.