

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC)

Present: Julie Newman, acting chair; Diana Carroll, Tracy Wood, Richard Gallant, Merle Craig, Jessie McKone, recorder

The minutes for 8-26-02 were approved.

Merle began to explain the list of goals for the **SWMF site design** that she has written to present for discussion. A major point about the reconfigured transfer station is to plan to emphasize the recycling and reuse sections and keep the throw-out portion (bulky waste and trash) at the end of the route because that is the last resort for waste. Mike Lynch arrived to display the most recent design and told the committee that there is still time to have input about the locations and traffic flow. The signage at the site will be movable to accommodate changes that are decided upon further down the line. Mike may call for a signage “workshop” to ensure thoroughness of input. The state has asked for more plans regarding an air quality safety plan that tests for methane in buildings at the SWMF twice per year. The swap shop could be moved nearer to the entrance if that would be beneficial. The attendant’s shack will have utilities in the event that scales are purchased next year. Mike indicated that trash could go into a roll-off and that would eliminate the need to keep the trash truck running all day. The exhaust from the truck is excessive. A “boulder garden” or something in the center could help to keep the traffic flowing in one direction. The committee will further examine the site plan and attach suggestions that Mike will address later.

The committee agreed that a **budget request** equal to the committee’s costs for a Spring and Fall newsletter would be made. This would very much support the committee’s charge to communicate and educate.

Some site a need to have guidelines for the **swap shop** so that it does not become a dumping area. Tracy plans to call a meeting of the swap shop volunteers to help ensure continuity of procedures and standards and to help answer questions of novice volunteers. Tracy will find out what the Salvation Army and Goodwill do not accept, to help us develop our standards. She also plans to help keep volunteers up-to-date through e-mail and will encourage the group to function independently of the IWMAC.

Jessie and Tracy are planning to set up an IWMAC display at **Durham Day** this coming Sunday. The display will include the Governor’s Recycling Program Composting Display and information about the swap shop, and the Coastal Clean-Up Day (9/21). We will suggest volunteering for the swap shop or for the committee, as a whole, as residents stop by. Guy has arranged for the Recyclemobile to be borrowed from Concord.

Richard reported that further contact with Jenny Berry will help us to learn more about getting out info to the **Durham website**. We should prepare materials the way we would like to have it presented on the website. Jessie will see about getting an “ad” for new committee members onto the website.

As a plan to **thank future volunteers**, Diana suggests including names in future newsletters. A letter on official stationery, signed by all committee members would be a possibility. The committee pitched in for the Dairy Bar certificates given to Kevin Tonkin and Roland Marquis for their significant help on the swap shop tent.

Merle and Jessie reported that the articles and layout for the **newsletter** are taking shape. The information about the fee schedule may not be included in the newsletter if the town council doesn't have time for the public hearing within its next 2 meetings. Newsletter printing will be done at the Public Works office on Oct. 3rd and 4th. Newsletter workshops are coming up (for folding, addressing and sorting the newsletters) during the week of Oct. 7-11. Mark your calendars for the newsletter prep days--we need all the help we can get.

Julie plans to publicize the **Oyster River Clean Up Day** with posters that she handed out. Mark your calendars for September 21st.

Julie attended a town/gown meeting that included representatives from the UNH Greek System and apartment owners. A “**Sundown to Sun-Up**” policy is being promoted to push the idea that parties should be picked up by sun-up. This will reduce the messy appearance witnessed by many Oyster River students as they head for school. The group would like to know if there are ordinances that can be enforced. Julie plans to see Mike Lynch about this. The Greek System has a code of conduct. Let's encourage that recycling be part of the plan.

Because Dale's schedule prevents her from attending the meetings for a while, she will keep in touch and will let us know when the **schools** need our help with programs or logistics surrounding recycling or composting

The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 23rd at 7:30 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.