

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Diana Carroll, chair; Julie Newman, facilitator; Richard Gallant, Merle Craig, Mike Lynch, DPW Director; Jessie McKone, recorder

The minutes of the 10-28-02 meeting were approved.

Richard reported that the **special report on "The Making of an IWMAC Newsletter"** that is to be posted on the Durham web site is ready. All committee members, and Shari and Mike at DPW, previewed the material and had an opportunity to help fine-tune the report. Much has been learned through this first effort. The use of photos will hopefully make this report appealing to residents and help to encourage public interest in general. Jennie, at the town administrator's office, has helped a great deal with the troubleshooting and has been enthusiastic about the possibilities for any and all of our recent requests to post to the web. Diana suggests a report on "Durham Firsts". Many residents may not be aware that Durham has led the way in recycling efforts in the state. Past minutes and the Fall Newsletter have been submitted for posting on the Durham web site, but are not posted just yet.

Mike reported that the **proposed Solid Waste Ordinance** will come before Town Council for a **public hearing** on Monday, November 18th at 7 pm. This document has been refined using the suggestions of councilors, but will not address every unique need. If the ordinance is adopted, the DPW will handle sporadic, unique requests as they arise. This document is a big improvement over the old version for various reasons, including a reasonable fee structure, more access to the SWMF, and better code enforcement capabilities. Committee members are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

Julie reported that a double-sided **composting poster** is ready to be hung at Durham MarketPlace. The committee OKed the transfer of \$100.00 from the NEGEF grant account to the UNH OSP office to help pay for this educational outreach effort.

Mike reported that residents are beginning to use **biodegradable paper leaf bags** as opposed to plastic bags during the Fall Clean Up. The sign Tracy made for Houghton's Hardware, with IWMAC's recommendation to compost first and then bag with paper bags, has spurred sales of these bags. Houghton's was very receptive to displaying this poster. There are no statistics as to whether fewer bags are being deposited curbside this year as compared to last year, but the idea of composting has been strongly promoted over the past six months. Positive reinforcement to those who compost may be in order.

The **Household Hazardous Waste Collection** is scheduled for Nov. 16th from 9-noon. There were not enough slots for the pre-registrants and some people have been told to hold onto their materials until the next collection is scheduled in the Spring of 2003. Scheduling this collection annually, as is now planned, will help to accommodate everyone.

Dale and Jessie continue to work with school officials and students to plan for a better **paper recycling program at the middle school and at the high school**. Plans for fund raising for uniform bins are in the works. Communications to the respective principals and PTOs have been sent. Guy Hodgdon has placed the order for bins with NH the Beautiful and Todd Selig will place a grant-acceptance procedure on a town council agenda, when needed. Thanks to everyone for their cooperative spirit.

Tracy sent out minutes for the **Swap Shop** volunteers meetings. The group outlined several goals for winter operations and for Spring plans. Tracy and Jessie have already enclosed one end of the tent with a donated tarp. A donated bulletin board has been placed inside the swap shop tent for users to post "want to obtain" and "want to give away" items. Several volunteers have helped pare down the pile outside the tent and a sign will be posted indicating that bulky items will not be accepted during snowy months. The yard outside the tent may be cordoned off. Tracy will work with Guy on the text of that sign. Messages will be posted on DCAT to outline any changes.

Julie reported that the USNH will soon formalize a policy to only **purchase 80% recycled-content paper that is also chlorine-free**. We will place this topic on our next agenda to look at providing the town with pertinent information. A joint town/UNH commitment could lead to bulk purchasing advantages. More information is available at www.sustainableunh.unh.edu (viewing the page on the climate education initiative). Julie hopes to place a link on the OSP web site to the IWMAC page on the town web site. The OSP is also working on a policy for **recycling UNH/USNH computers**.

Jessie showed the messages that IWMAC will submit to DCAT for the cycling message board on channel 22. All the messages were approved by the committee.

Another topic to put on the next agenda: a town policy on having recycling bins at town events.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9th at 7:30 am at town hall. Merle will be free to attend Monday meetings as of next semester. Yeah !

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am

