

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Julie Newman, facilitator; Richard Gallant, Guy Hodgdon, Superintendent of Solid Waste; Tracy Wood, Merle Craig, Mike Lynch, Director of Public Works; Jessie McKone, recorder

The minutes of the 12-9-02 meeting were corrected and approved.

Agenda Topics directly below correspond to numbered paragraphs which follow:

1. Proposal for Privatization of Waste Disposal
2. Paper Recycling Project at ORHS and ORMS
3. Swap Shop update
4. Purchasing Recycled Paper-possible collaboration between town and UNH
5. Composting poster at Durham MarketPlace
6. Possible environmental recommendations for Durham building permits
7. Spring Newsletter Planning
8. Reports from the Superintendent of Solid Waste
 - a. SWMF construction update
 - b. stats on HHW collection
 - c. report on Fall Clean Up/ future leaf pick up
 - d. waste status boards
 - e. Sanitation Newsletter
9. Request from resident to change date of Spring Clean Up
10. Next meeting date

1. Mike Lynch informed the committee that the proposal to privatize waste collection will come before the Town Council on the January 20th meeting. Mike intends to present 4 options without recommending any. The council may take an "a la carte" approach to the options or may decide to retain the system that currently exists. There may be a public hearing on this matter in the future. Opportunities to comment on January 20th will only be during the general public comment period toward the beginning of the meeting. New issues (not raised in the 12-9-02 meeting) included: the price differential between the town bid and the WMI bid is primarily related to the cost of equipment. If the town retains it's present system, three new trucks will be budgeted for in 2003, 2004 and 2008. The bonding would be between \$500,000 and \$550,000. Additionally, WMI provides its own vehicle insurance and maintenance. If the town wants a different arrangement at the end of this ten year contract, it could create a reserve fund (possibly in the 8th year) to plan to buy new trucks at contracts end. Mike would like to negotiate a \$20,000 per day penalty if WMI is unable to provide service due to illness, equipment failure or other reasons. (WMI suggests that this penalty be \$100.00.) Julie suggested that the town investigate a joint agreement with UNH for waste collection.

2. Students submitted entries for the paper recycling poster contest at the high school. Josh Smith had the winning entry. Plans to laminate his poster and distribute copies along with the new paper recycling bins were handled by Principal Lafferty and Facilities Director Tim Knowles. An anonymous donation of \$500.00 to the recycling project was gratefully received. An article for the local newspaper and the school newspaper will be prepared to give recognition to the work

done. Tim already gave a report to the School Board, recognizing all parties involved. The recycling committee will shift its focus to the middle school now that the holidays are over.

3. With all the snow that we have had recently, traffic at the swap shop has slowed. The bulletin board has helped to facilitate several swaps. Tracy will continue her monthly electronic update to the volunteers.

4. Talks are continuing regarding the town purchase of 80% recycled, chlorine-free paper through UNH. There are no decisions to report on, yet.

5. The composting poster that we cosponsored is now hanging over the produce section at Durham MarketPlace--a prominent location. Richard suggests that we do more of this type of outreach. It is an attractive form of communication.

6. The town building inspector, Tom Johnson, is interested in having a range of environmental concerns researched, so that his office can provide disposal guidelines during the permitting process. He would like to see recommendations about safe disposal of mercury thermometers and thermostats, CCA (pressure treated) lumber, lead soldered copper pipes, asbestos, etc. We could look into grants that might help fund an educational booklet for residents.

7. We will put out a joint newsletter with Public Works that is out in time to announce Spring Clean Up. The NRRA will take on the sponsorship of the compost bin program, now that the Governor's Recycling Program has been dismantled. We will carry an order form for these bins again in our newsletter. To reduce paper use and postage we could send a postcard referring residents to an online newsletter and give a phone number for those who would request a paper copy. Possible topics are: reducing junk mail and catalogs, paper conservation, potential UNH/town paper agreements, buying less, report on building permit recommendations, a fable of a family of the future and their daily habits and conversations about incorporating sustainability, a report about a dinner at Moharimet that encouraged less waste, a report about paper recycling at ORMS and ORHS, a profile of a local businessperson, recognition of Swap Shop volunteers. What would make sense to save for a fall report?

8. The construction at the SWMF will be able to proceed after the Town Council votes its approval. The physical construction may be able to be done in 3 to 4 months. The reconfiguration should be all done by the end of 2003. The Solid Waste Data Report for 2002 is out. Guy will bring the HHW report to the next meeting. The number of tons of leaves collected at curbside was down by half compared to last year. Can this be attributed to more composting, early snow, early pick up date? (The committee will revisit the whole issue of leaf pick up.) Most new permits for the SWMF will be sold during the next few weeks as the SWMF regulars have been reminded that the new stickers are required. The recent Sanitation News thanked IWMAC members for the success of the Swap Shop and other solid waste initiatives.

9. A majority of committee members feel that the Spring Clean Up date for the coming year, be set using the same criteria as last year. A landlord has made a request to the town administrator to move the date beyond the student move out date. This topic should be more fully discussed at the next meeting since we learned after the fact that Mr. Selig would like the committee's recommendation.

10. The next meeting will be Friday, Jan. 24th at 7:30 am at Town Hall, but is **subject to change**.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

