

**Minutes**

**1-17-03**

**7:30 am**

## **Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee**

Present: Diana Carroll, chair; Merle Craig, facilitator; Richard Gallant, Dale Valena, Tracy Wood, Mike Lynch, Director of Public Works; Jessie McKone, recorder

The minutes of the 1-6-03 meeting were approved.

Agenda Topics directly below correspond to numbered paragraphs which follow:

- 1.** Update on possible contract for curbside waste collection.
- 2.** SWMF capping and reconfiguration process update.
- 3.** ORHS & ORMS paper recycling
- 4.** Swap Shop update
- 5.** Spring newsletter planning
- 6.** Spring Clean Up date
- 7.** Recommendations for waste handling during remodels (building permit process)
- 8.** Next meeting date

**1.** Mike gave a history of the talks with Waste Management, Inc. since October 2002. It was very recently announced by the WMI representative that the tipping fee for refuse was not to be included in the bottom line. Town officials had expected that it would be included since this factor had been spelled out in the Request for Proposals. The savings that had been anticipated by going to private collection disappeared with this new revelation by WMI. Their stance now is that the extension of their proposal ran out as of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, even though they met with town officials in an attempt to continue negotiations on January 9<sup>th</sup>. This has not only been a frustrating and time consuming effort for Public Works administrators, but has also created considerable stress for PW employees concerned about the future of their jobs. Further direction from the town administrator will now be sought. Richard expressed thanks to Mike Lynch and Guy Hodgdon for their lengthy good faith negotiation efforts. The current contract with WMI for town trucks to tip at the landfill runs to 2005. Mike noted that Durham was able to complete trash pick up successfully after the two recent big "holiday" storms. WMI received hundreds of complaints about their level of service in neighboring communities during this same time frame.

**2.** An updated site design graphic for the SWMF was shown to the committee. Mike indicated that this graphic (poster) would be shown to the town council at their next meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The council will have an opportunity to ask questions and after their approval of the design, the construction can begin.

**3.** Dale reported that an ORHS student is preparing a video for DCAT (as part of a video class assignment) about the recycling effort at the high school. It will include interviews with IWMAC committee members, students, school staff, SWMF staff, etc. If all goes well it will air on DCAT soon. Plans are in the making to meet with representatives of ORMS to help get their new bins distributed and their project reviewed. A big THANKS goes to the anonymous donor of \$500 in support of the high school recycling program !

**4.** In Tracy's most recent e-mail to Swap Shop volunteers, she reminded them that the new ordinance requires an electronics/appliance sticker for all specified items, even when they are being left at the Swap Shop. The SWMF attendants will be checking for these stickers, but

volunteers must be looking for them, too. TVs, refrigerators, etc. in good condition may be advertised on the Swap Shop bulletin board and this may help some residents avoid the sticker requirement. Energetic volunteers are urged to do some snow shoveling around the perimeter of the tent. The Swap Shop is still quite active in the sub-freezing temperatures.

5. Merle supplied a proposed layout for a six page spring newsletter. Committee members selected topics to be responsible for. One page will be devoted to information about this years Spring Clean Up and one page will be devoted to information about compost bin sales. All members are to e-mail Tracy their suggestions for an article on waste reduction by February 5th, so that she can assimilate the material. Financing and paper will be reported on at the next meeting. This will again be a joint publication between Pubic Works and IWMAC.

6. Regarding a citizen's request to change the date for the Spring Clean Up, Diana will forward to Todd Selig and Mike Lynch the substance of the committees discussion. Tracy will investigate an electronic bulletin board at UNH to see if we might be able to make any recommendations that would be helpful to landlords and their tenants as they deal with wastes at the time of the UNH move out.

7. Richard will research possible outlets for hazardous wastes that may be associated with construction/demolition and remodeling (like asbestos, lead solder on copper pipes, pressure treated lumber, and mercury containing devices) so that the committee may supply this information to the issuer of building permits.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.