

Minutes
February 7, 2003
7:30 am
Durham Town Hall-Council Chambers

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

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

The minutes of the 1-17-03 meeting were approved.

Agenda Topics directly below correspond to numbered paragraphs which follow:

1. Paper Recycling at ORMS AND ORHS
2. Swap Shop
3. Possible Town/UNH collaboration for chlorine-free, recycled paper
4. Spring Clean Up Date
5. Report on DBA/MainStreet meeting
6. Spring Newsletter
7. Other
8. Next meeting date

1. A press release and photo, regarding the new paper recycling bins for classrooms, was sent to Foster's Daily Democrat. The high school has been using the new bins since January 2nd and the collection is going well. Jessie met with representatives of the middle school on February 4th to check on final implementation plans for use of the new bins there. Principal Ross was very enthusiastic and supportive. Richard suggests an article about other recycling initiatives associated with the high school renovation. Principal Lafferty will facilitate a meeting with the contractor if we are interested. We could report on concrete recycling, the milling of some of the trees removed for benches and tables for the school, and the possible sale of sections of the gym floor (as coffee tables) to alumni.

2. Tracy and Jessie transferred a TV and a computer monitor from the swap shop to the electronics trailer on February 1st. We don't expect to see that type of item in the swap shop anymore without an electronics sticker (that is now required for disposal). Tracy urges swap shop volunteers to look for the stickers, even though it is primarily the duty of the SWMF employees to check for the stickers. Residents still have the option of using the swap shop bulletin board for such items and now a local electronic bulletin board is available, at <http://orbit.unh.edu/swapshop>. The citizen's exchange has announced this server to its subscribers.

3. Julie reported that talks and arrangements are moving along in the effort to have the town purchase 80% recycled, chlorine-free paper through UNH. Keene, Plymouth and CLL have already adopted and are using this paper policy. The UNH Office of Sustainability web site has a report on chlorine and tv/computer take back initiatives that committee members are encouraged to read at <http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu> .

4. Diana reported that Spring Clean Up was/is designed to be a service to residents and is aimed at maintaining a cleaner looking town. Having the clean up before the Memorial Day Parade and

before graduation enhances community appearance in time for the influx of visitors. The committee is interested in collecting more statistics on this year's clean up.

5. Diana and Jessie attended the January 29th DBA/MainStreet meeting. Roger Hayden, owner of The Outback, told Diana that he would like to recycle matboard scraps to art classes or to other interested parties. Diana and Jessie will also attend the annual UNH Community Breakfast on February 20th to further community outreach and networking. The speaker will address NH's Economic Outlook.

6. Merle handed out Tracy's draft article for the Spring Newsletter and requested input. Suggestions should be e-mailed to Merle or Jessie. Jessie shared ideas for local anecdotes that could accompany the article. Dale Valena has ideas for anecdotes that she is tracking down. The NRRA will be sending the compost bin flyer in plenty of time for inclusion in the newsletter. Merle will contact Shari about the Spring Clean Up page. Richard communicated with Guy Hodgdon and Tom Johnson for his article. A short article from Guy about the new fluorescent tube recycling initiative will be requested. Julie will get prices for the chlorine-free, recycled paper that we may order. Diana will check on our funding resources. Richard suggests that we place the compost bin ordering information on the Durham web site and that when we post the newsletter online that we include a photo of the full committee.

7. Julie will contact Jackie Van Ham to get more information about the UNH Greek System environmental projects around town, including Adopt-A-Spot and will report on this. Diana will give a report on her "junk mail research" at the next meeting. Merle shared a web site about an eco-computer (PowerMate-Eco) made by NEC that contains no lead in the motherboard and is very energy and space efficient: <http://www.neccomp.com/products/powermate/eco/>

8. The next meeting is set for February 28th, 2003 at Town Hall at 7:30 am. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.