

Minutes

2-28-03

7:30 am

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

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

The minutes of the 2-7-03 meeting were approved.

Agenda Topics directly below correspond to numbered paragraphs, which follow:

- 1.** Spring newsletter drafts
- 2.** Employee appreciation
- 3.** Suggestion for use of grant
- 4.** ORMS and ORHS paper recycling
- 5.** Swap shop
- 6.** UNH recycled paper policy
- 7.** Spring clean up date
- 8.** Report on Durham community breakfast
- 9.** Junk mail
- 10.** Other
- 11.** Next meeting

1. Richard's draft for the newsletter about construction and demolition waste was examined. Possible additions would be: a reference to architectural salvage companies and quotes from local builders about how they deal with various wastes. Diana will contact some builders. We should encourage residents to talk to their contractors and be proactive about arranging for appropriate waste disposal. Related (future) articles could include information about safe-coat paint, organic paint, "Harmony" paint, plastic lumber, The Green Store in Belfast Maine, etc.

Jessie will contact Shari about how much space Public Works will require in the newsletter and will determine if there will or will not be a page about household hazardous waste. We now have definite plans to prepare an 8-page newsletter.

2. Diana is gathering information about time and place for an appreciation presentation. Committee members will contribute "goods" and Diana will compose a message. She will supply us with details. The vernal equinox (~March 21st) seems to be a great time to aim for.

3. Committee members are asked to formulate ideas for use of our grant money for this year and bring those ideas to the next meeting. One suggestion offered today is to make a composting poster for the high school and one for the middle school to post in their cafeterias so students and staff will be more aware of their participation in the OSP effort. (Durham Marketplace composted 5 tons of food waste so far this year!)

4. Jessie will contact Tim Knowles to see if the bins and paper recycling posters are in place and in use at the Middle School. Principal Ross believes that students will feel rewarded for their recycling efforts by having the new bins.

5. There is a learning curve for residents having to do with the new ordinance. Steps are being taken to assure that only "legal" items are left at the swap shop.

6. UNH has adopted a new paper policy and a truckload of chlorine-free, 80% recycled paper will be ordered soon. This paper will be the new standard and the "default" paper supplied to all printers on campus. Forms such as grade reports will be issued on this paper. The collaboration of 6 UNH offices over many months was necessary to bring about this change. Much credit goes to Julie Newman of the Office of Sustainability Programs for keeping the talks on track and for suggesting that the town of Durham work out an agreement to buy this same paper at the truckload price. Great news !

7. A formal letter describing the committee's position on the Spring clean-up date was sent to the town administrator by Diana. Her composition incorporated input from the committee. She will e-mail the final draft to IWMAC members. This subject will likely be discussed at the next Town Council meeting on March 3rd.

8. Diana and Jessie reported positive networking at the Durham Community breakfast held last week at Huddleston Hall. The event was first-class and the speaker vital. The keynote speaker recognized the need for superior quality-of-life to maintain a healthy economy in NH and he recognized volunteerism (among other things) as adding to the quality-of-life equation. Committees like ours add to a healthy sense of community.

9. Diana is working on content for our future article on junk mail. Can we advise the use of postage paid mailers for making a request to be removed from a particular organization's mailing list ? She described the time and money postal patrons lose from having to deal with junk mail. Is there any profit to the town in the recycling of junk mail ?

10. Diana told of an endeavor of committee members from a few years ago. To gain a better understanding of the job of sanitation workers, committee members followed the route of the trash and recycling trucks during collections. Would this be something that IWMAC members would be interested in again ? Employees might feel we were coming from a place of better understanding.

11. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24th at Town Hall at 7:30 am. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.