

**Minutes**

**3-24-03**

**7:30 am**

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

Present: Diana Carroll, chair; Richard Gallant, Merle Craig, Tracy Wood, Guy Hodgdon, Jessie McKone, recorder

The minutes of the 2-28-03 meeting were approved.

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

1. Shared video clips
2. Spring newsletter
3. Recycling Program Status and general update from Guy Hodgdon
4. DPW employee recognition
5. Committee on Citizenship and Environmental Issues
6. Swap Shop
7. Grant money use
8. Recycling truck route analysis
9. Other
10. Next meeting

1. The committee viewed the following clips recorded from various sources:

- a. A report on recycling "almost anything" as reported by WMUR news
- b. A community service clip by NH DES about types of transportation that save energy
- c. An assembly at ORHS featuring the musical talents of "Recycled Percussion" and the kick-off

of the use of the new paper recycling bins

- d. A report on Durham Recycling prepared for DCAT by ORHS student Richard Powell; Dale

Valena and Jessie McKone were interviewed.

- e. An interview about IWMAC projects recorded at the Durham town meeting March 12, 2003.

2. Final suggestions for revisions of the Spring Newsletter were discussed. Merle will suggest that

a form be incorporated into the mail-in info for obtaining a transfer station permit. We will encourage the use of the terminology "transfer station" as opposed to "dump" since it better represents the function of the Solid Waste Management Facility. The compost bin order form that will be on page 7 of the newsletter will also have a link on the Durham homepage of the Durham website. Richard will convert the newsletter to a "pdf" file for ease of posting to the web site. A how-to video about the compost bin will be aired again this year on DCAT. Guy requested that information about antifreeze recycling at the SWMF be included in the newsletter. All of the arrangements for paper, printing, folding locations and mailing have been made. Numerous volunteers have been contacted and will be ready to help. The target mailing date is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

3. Guy shared the recycling program status through February 2003 with comparative figures for the same time frame last year. There is a general increase in tons processed and a corresponding increase in tipping fee avoidance benefits. Guy is working on compliance efforts at the SWMF. Improving labeling and having a spill clean up kit are aspects of this effort. Paper recycling through NRRA requires that we have our own roll-off that is equipped

with a cover. This type of roll-off is in the plans for the SWMF reconfiguration already. One instance of illegal dumping of TVs occurred recently. Two TVs were left at the gate of the SWMF that did not have the new electronic stickers attached. An effort will be made to clearly communicate this requirement in the newsletter. Fewer SWMF permits have been sold this year as compared to last year at this time. The new fluorescent tube recycling initiative is working out. Guy will provide more details on the groundbreaking at the SWMF at our next meeting.

4. Diana thanked committee members for contributing treats for the DPW employee appreciation on March 20<sup>th</sup>. That date marks the beginning of Spring and hopefully relief from this long winter. The employees were thanked for outstanding effort to keep both refuse and snow off the streets during a particularly challenging winter.

5. Jessie and Julie have been meeting with the Committee on Citizenship and Environmental Issues and report that efforts are being made to help work with fraternity and sorority members to improve recycling and to improve general property appearances around town. The committee has representatives from UNH, the Durham MainStreet Program, the Office of Sustainability Programs, IWMAC, "Greek" students, town residents and the Town of Durham (code enforcement). Among other things, student organizations will be encouraged to participate in "Adopt-a-Spot" beautification initiatives.

6. Tracy reported that the Swap Shop tent is still standing and in need of continuing volunteer efforts to organize donations. More items can be accepted with the disappearance of the snow.

7. Some ideas for the use of our grant money include the creation of posters similar to the one displayed at Durham MarketPlace about local composting efforts. A poster for the middle school cafeteria and one for the high school cafeteria illustrating where their food waste is going would provide significant educational outreach. A poster highlighting local businesses' recycling efforts was also suggested. The purchase of easels for use at community displays would be beneficial. Creating and maintaining our own web site was suggested. Committee members will bring other possible ideas to the next meeting.

8. Diana reminded us that those wishing to spend some time trailing the recycling truck during ordinary rounds would stand to reap new insights and ideas. This was done by some committee members about 3 years ago. Diana will help make the necessary contacts if anyone is interested.

9. A possible date for a composting display at Durham MarketPlace is April 19<sup>th</sup>. Dovetailing with the Office of Sustainability Programs will be explored. Houghton's Hardware, Town Hall and Public Works all are displaying compost bins through May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Guy reminded us that the DES website has information about slowing the flow of junk mail. ([www.des.state.nh.us/junkmail](http://www.des.state.nh.us/junkmail))

At some point in the future Diana would like the committee to investigate ways to encourage the use of non-toxic and less-toxic chemicals for town offices' and town departments' needs.

10. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at town hall at 7:30 am. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.