

**Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee**

Present: Diana Carroll, chair; Richard Gallant; John Kraus, town councilor; Jessie McKone, recorder

The minutes of the 3-24-03 meeting were approved.

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

1. Welcome to Councilor Kraus
2. Public Works staff reduction
3. Feedback on Spring newsletter
4. Committee on Citizenship and Environmental Issues (CCEI)
5. Compost Bin Display 4-26-03
6. Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA)
7. UNH policy for paper purchases and use
8. Swap Shop
9. NRRA Recycling Conference
10. Travel with town recycling trucks
11. Other: Conferences; DCAT messages
12. Setting next meeting

1. In this new term for the town council, new committee assignments have been made. Councilor John Kraus is now the liaison to the Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee and committee members welcomed him. John had read several sets of IWMAC minutes from recent meetings to get an overview of current concerns and initiatives. He stated that he is interested in cost-conscious government and believes that over the long run, in general, it does not pay to out-source (Public Works) functions. He expressed enthusiasm for the goals of the IWMAC and will provide regular reports to the town council on IWMAC discussions.

2. Because a reduction-in-force has recently occurred within the Public Works department, IWMAC members are concerned about lines of communication, to keep the committee informed. Will statistics about recycling and trash market fluctuations be monitored as in the past ? Who will communicate with NRRA, Waste Management, Inc. and other entities about day-to-day and month-to-month market opportunities ? Clarification about changing job descriptions will be needed. Todd Selig, Mike Lynch and/or Doug Bullen will be contacted for further information.

3. Various committee members have had feedback about the Spring newsletter. Comments suggest that the newsletter was viewed as "professional" and able to inspire "excitement" about trash ! John and Richard both emphasized the impressive work on the part of numerous volunteers that helped to make this a successful endeavor. John recognized the town money saved through the efforts of the volunteers and hopes for continued support of this kind.

4. Jessie reported that the CCEI has had conversations with Public Works administrators and truck operators about how to increase recycling at the UNH sororities and fraternities. Talks with the "Greek" house managers have focused on the planning needed to have essential elements in place when school starts up in the fall. Ongoing communication is seen as a key to success. Education about

Durham Waste Ordinance requirements will be a part of these efforts. The committee will contact the Durham Landlord's Association over the summer in an effort to "broaden the net" of participation. Currently two IWMAC members meet with the CCEI.

**5.** In a further effort to promote waste reduction through composting, IWMAC members will set up a display at Durham MarketPlace (DMP) to showcase a sample compost bin. Representatives from the UNH Office of Sustainability Programs will bring some actual compost from Kingman Research Farm to illustrate the role of the DMP in promoting composting. We can stress that the bins are especially useful for people who want to compost and only have a small lot. The more that people compost, the less the town pays for waste--considering the weight of food and yard waste. We have had good coordination with DCAT and the newsletter in getting the word out about this sale. A rain date will be established for the bin display if needed. It was suggested that we begin planning now to address the issue of leaf collection in the fall.

**6.** Diana reported that Todd Selig and Mike Lynch would like IWMAC members to consider attending NRRA meetings. The NRRA meets the second Wednesday of each month from 9:30-11:00 am at their offices in Chichester, NH, which is just west of Epsom. Liz Bedard or Todd Ellis are contacts. For more information, contact NRRA at [www.recyclewithus.org](http://www.recyclewithus.org).

**7.** UNH and the UNH System have a new standard for paper purchasing: 80% recycled and 100% chlorine free. An informative article in the UNH student newspaper, The New Hampshire appeared in the April 15<sup>th</sup> edition. IWMAC member and OSP educator, Julie Newman, had a major role in this success story and is duly highlighted. The article may be accessed through the [www.UNH.edu](http://www.UNH.edu) web address. (Go to "TNH"). We still await word as to whether the town of Durham will adopt this same paper standard.

**8.** People are still bringing TVs and computer monitors to the Solid Waste Management Facility and to the Swap Shop without an appliance/electronics sticker. They are frustrated when told that they must purchase this sticker M-F at the Public Works office. John suggests making the facility more user-friendly and allowing folks to buy a sticker on the spot. (Checks only-no cash or credit cards.) Further investigation and talks with the Assistant to the Director of Public Works will be necessary. A better sign at the Swap Shop about the E/A stickers will be requested.

**9.** IWMAC members are reminded to sign up for the NRRA conference on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, if they are interested. Diana and Jessie have conference flyers, if they are needed.

**10.** IWMAC members are reminded that there are still opportunities to track the recycling truck on their normal rounds. John thinks committee members might get permission to ride in the truck itself. Arrangements must be made through Mike Lynch.

## **11. Other**

1. Diana has information about a conference in Hartford on May 11-13 about Climate Solutions for the Northeast. (Sorry, these minutes are not more timely.)

2. Jessie handed out a page of messages to be posted on DCAT -see attachment to the minutes.

12. A revised date for the next meeting has been made. Please note that the next meeting will be on **Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:30 am at Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.