

Minutes

8-1-03

7:30 am

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Julie Newman, facilitator; Tracy Wood; Merle Craig; Richard Gallant; John Kraus, town councilor; Doug Bullen, Public Works; Jessie McKone, recorder

The minutes of the 6-20-03 meeting were approved.

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

1. SWMF Updates
2. Swap Shop
3. Leaf Bags
4. CCEI issues
5. Durham Day
6. Paper Standard
7. Signage
8. Other
9. Next meeting

1. Doug reported that work has begun on the reconfiguration at the SWMF. A silt fence for erosion control is up. The leaf pile has been moved, exposing some compost that is temporarily available to anyone interested. The on-site engineer is Skip Grady. Brush burning will be underway and receiving new brush may have to be discontinued for a period. Word of this can be placed on DCAT. Recently the sale of electronic/appliance stickers at the SWMF has been averaging about ten per week. Paper is bringing in revenue that will help to offset the cost of recycling co-mingled. Corrugated cardboard is also bringing in revenue even after transport costs to Canada. Wet cardboard is significantly less valuable. There will be a separate roll-off for clear glass at the SWMF, since it has a higher value than other types. As we evaluate new trucks, we should consider the ability to pick up clear glass separately at the curb. Additional labor and fuel costs could render that effort wasted. Richard suggests that we try to determine how much money is saved by residents bringing in their own recyclables. That can be monitored better once the clear glass roll-off is in place. Another co-collection truck is being evaluated and the workers are providing input. John urged that winter needs be considered. Once the construction is completed there is a plan to take entire roll-offs with recyclables or trash to the landfill instead of sending the smaller collection vehicles that distance.

2. The Swap Shop will be shifted or closed during the paving at the SWMF. Volunteers can help get the word out. Much of the current inventory of the Swap Shop will have to be dumped. Work on the perimeter of the SWMF will occur first. Notification of Swap Shop guidelines for the next couple of months can go onto DCAT.

3. John will notify the Town Council that IWMAC recommends that paper leaf bags be required for leaf collection this fall. The committee will continue to encourage residents to compost their own leaves on their own properties for "ultimate" reduction.

4. Public Works installed a sturdy new trash receptacle at the corner of Woodman and Madbury Roads in response to a request from the Committee on Citizenship and Environmental Issues (CCEI). The CCEI plans to have continuing communication with students and the UNH

community in an effort to keep Durham beautiful. CCEI members will meet with the Durham Rental Housing Commission on August 12th. Jessie will share further information at the next meeting.

5. Tracy is planning to prepare an outline for our participation at Durham Day on September 14th. It may include info about paper leaf bags, the swap shop, worm composting, the Oyster River Clean Up on September 20th, name the SWMF contest (?) etc. (The IWMAC will sponsor the Oyster River Clean Up once again this year along with the UNH Office of Sustainability Programs, Health Services and other groups.) Jessie will purchase an easel and Velcro display board that will be needed for our exhibit, using budgeted funds. Richard will coordinate the DCAT coverage of the event.

6. Julie reported that cost analysis is still taking place relative to a new paper standard for the town.

7. Doug will determine if the DES has required terminology for the SWMF entrance sign. Merle suggests a name (such as Rocky Point) that is recognizable and positive. In the least it should use the term "Recycling Center" placed before the term "Transfer Station".

8. Suggested for inclusion in the Fall newsletter: Encouraging residents to put trash *in a bag, in a barrel* at curbside, and an explanation--possibly interview the solid waste workers ?

9. The next meeting has been scheduled for 8-22-03 at 7:30 am at Town Hall. Newsletter planning and Durham Day will top that agenda. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.