

Minutes

11-24-03

7:30 am

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

Present: Tracy Wood, Chair; Diana Carroll; Jessie McKone, Merle Craig; Doug Bullen, Public Works; Richard Gallant, recorder

The minutes of the 10-31-03 meeting were approved.

### **I Doug Bullen gave report from Public Works:**

- a) Winter shut down for paving in all town projects including the SWMF was 15 November.
- b) Some peripherals such as railings will be installed at the SWMF.
- c) All sheds at the SWMF will ultimately be painted “environmental” green.
- d) Leaf clean-up
  - 1) contained only about 5% plastic bags and these were concentrated among a relatively small number of residents.
  - 2) 210 cu. yd. collected (compressed)
  - 3) leaves hauled to recycling facility (no incineration)
  - 4) no extra expense to the town over last year
  - 5) time to complete: six days--very efficient compared to last year.
- e) Public works newsletter deadline for IWMAC additions is 5 December. Jessie shared the drafts to get committee input.
- f) Public Works will email IWMAC recycling stats in spread sheet form to Committee Chairperson and other interested members. Tracy requested this to detect recycling trends.
- g) Discussion on cost of recycling mixed paper: \$22/ton saving by using alternate in house process.
- h) Bulky waste: Waste Management, Inc. (WMI) now charges \$70/ton. Durham's contract with WMI expires in 2010. Trends indicate that charges will increase significantly at that time.

### **II Grand opening of the Swap-Shop:**

- a) 14 December 2003 @ 0730
- b) A donation of refreshments, by committee members, is requested.
- c) A postcard with updated Swap Shop guidelines will be available as a handout at the Swap Shop and at Public Works.

d) Building is expected to have electric power and shelving at opening.

e) There will be a receptacle for packaging material such a “sealed-air” bags and styrofoam pellets (popcorn). This is experimental. At this time there will be a request that the styrofoam be contained in clear plastic bags. It is not known how much will be collected. Much can be recycled by Tracy in her business.

### **III      Getting the message out:**

a) The two newsletters that IWMAC bulk mails to residents include news from Public Works.

b) The occasional mailings of Public Works, such as the annual schedule of pick-ups.

c) Hand-outs at the Town Hall.

d) Hand-outs at the Public Works Office when Transfer Station permits are sold.

e) Interacting all of the above with references to the IWMAC pages on the town web-site.

f) Using the community channel (DCAT) to provide ideas on recycling and reducing the amount of waste that is transported to Turnkey.

g) The Annual Report--Merle will prepare this and deliver it to Jenny Berry by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **IV      Old and New Issues:**

a. Ask Dale if she can get an update on school recycling

b. Diana suggests we put out the word on committee vacancies.

c. Goals for 2004 could include making an educational video on waste issues to run on DCAT, obtaining more information about options for plastic recycling, supporting the initiation of recycling in private developments within Durham, establishing a town policy about use of recycled paper in town offices, and education about waste water.

d)"The Club" once offered through the Governor's Recycling Program is now being run through NRRA. Are Durham schools aware of its resources for students ?

### **V      Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting will be on December 15, 2003 at 7:30 am at Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.