

Minutes
7:30 am

12-22-03

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present Tracy Wood, Chair; Dale Valena; Richard Gallant; Jessie McKone; John Kraus, Town Councilor; Doug Bullen, Public Works; Diana Carroll, recorder

The minutes of the 11– 24 - 2003 meeting were approved.

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

1. Update from Public Works – Doug
2. Swap Shop – Jessie
3. Durham Town Issues relating to IWMAC—Doug, John, Diana
4. Oyster River School Recycling Program--Dale
5. Video Productions (DCAT, Website)—Tracy, Richard
6. Spring Newsletter
7. IWMAC Membership Drive
8. Next meeting date

1. Starting 1-2004 Doug will provide the IWMAC with a monthly update of statistics on all recycling activity, i.e., tons of materials collected, price sold at, etc. This will include year to date information also. Doug provided the year to date (12-3-03) following statistics on SWMF stickers sold and stickers needed to dispose of refrigerators, air conditioners, computer monitors, etc.

SWMF Stickers purchased: 991 @\$25.00 each for a total of \$24,775.

Stickers for Freon containing or electronic equipment: 326 @ \$10.00 each for a total of \$3,260.

(In 2002 – approximately 1200 stickers were sold @ \$5.00 each.

Stickers for electronic equipment were not required.)

Doug reported that there has been no significant problem of people leaving off items without the requisite sticker. This has occurred only infrequently.

The Public Works winter newsletter is ready to be mailed. IWMAC has contributed articles to this newsletter.

Diana made the suggestion that next year recycling trucks be decorated with a wreath made from crushed aluminum cans (bright colors).

Diana has a picture of one and instructions on how to make them. This could be a positive way to bring some attention to recycling and contribute to a celebratory Holiday atmosphere.

2. Jessie and John were enthusiastic about the grand opening of the new Swap Shop at the SWMF on 12 – 13 - 03. Refreshments were served for those who visited the Swap Shop that day.

There was discussion about heat in the Swap Shop building. A kerosene heater is available. There is also electric baseboard heat that will be working soon. An industrial radiant heater was also suggested. At this time it was decided to wait to evaluate the electric baseboard heating that will be available soon. The need for some heat relates to the volunteers that work at the Swap Shop during the cold winter months.

400 flyers informing residents about the Swap Shop have been printed and are being distributed at the Swap Shop and town offices. Claire Powell, from UNH, took the photo of the Swap Shop which provides the background of the flyer. She volunteered to do this. The total cost of the flyers was \$38 and change, which came from our grant.

3. The text of the recycled paper resolution which is slated to be on the agenda of the Town Council 1 – 5 - 04 meeting was read, discussed and unanimously approved. Members of the IWMAC that are able will attend the 1 – 5 - 04 Town Council meeting.

There are 3 Private Ways in Durham – Spruce Woods, Allen Farm (to be developed) and Fitts Farm. The total number of residences on these Private Ways is not known at this time. It has come to the attention of the IWMAC that on these Private Ways, recycling is not taking place. For example, there is trash/garbage pick up in Fitts Farm and Spruce Hole but no pick up of recycling, according to the information that we have to date. Doug has contacted the developer of Fitts Farm to encourage him to provide recycling for that area. It was decided to collect more information on this situation before deciding on how to encourage recycling in these areas of town.

Diana initiated a discussion of possible changes to the annual spring cleanup. She suggested that in order for the town to save money, residents could be encouraged to bring their spring cleanup items to the SWMF. The SWMF sticker could be waived along with the requirement to redeem bulky waste coupons (for 1 to 2 weeks). This would allow residents to bring their items to the Swap Shop, if they meet the criteria, and /or to the trash collection. This would save the town money on trucks and labor for pick up. However, those residents who chose to put out their Spring Cleanup items curbside could do so. There was some agreement as to the merit of this idea, and some concern that it does not represent the direction the committee would like to see the

town move toward. More discussion will take place at the next meeting especially trying to examine the details of such a scenario.

There was a discussion on the new sign for the SWMF. It was agreed that the new sign is too large to be placed close to the road. It should be set back from the road. A smaller, unobtrusive sign could be placed closer to the road. The committee agreed that the decision not to put grass in the entrance area was a good decision.

Merle Craig has submitted the IWMAC annual report to Jenny Berry for submission to the 2003 Town of Durham Annual Report.

4. Dale reported that the recycling program established at ORHS last year is in place this year. She will be in contact with the principal and Kate Dobe, the faculty contact for recycling. Questions arose regarding the new school cafeteria, i.e., will Styrofoam and paper products (items that are used once and thrown away) be used or will permanent wear be used? Will the new cafeteria kitchen contain a dishwasher? What is the "vision" of how the cafeteria will operate?

5. Tracy reported that DCAT had an incorrect name for IWMAC. New information will be added to DCAT and the Web site, i.e., packing peanuts and sealed air packaging packets can be brought to the Swap Shop. Fluorescent tubes can be brought to the SWMF but cannot be put curbside for recycling. Photos of the opening of the new Swap Shop facility can be placed on the Web along with the newly created Swap Shop flyer. Information being placed on DCAT and the Web should be dated. Old items should be taken off on a regular basis. Information from IWMAC for the weekly Town of Durham list serve can be emailed to Todd. Richard suggested that we remember to transfer information from medium to medium, i.e., if we have it on DCAT, it should be on the Web site; if we have it on a flyer, it could be on DCAT and the Web.

6. There was insufficient time remaining to begin a discussion on the upcoming spring newsletter. Ideas that committee members have should be emailed to other committee members before our next scheduled meeting so that we can pursue a theme, articles, etc.

7. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 12 at 7:30 am at the Durham Town Offices.