

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Minutes

1-12-04

7:30 A.M.

Present: Tracy Wood, Chair; Jessie McKone, Dale Valena, Merle Craig, Recorder

The minutes of the 12-22-03 meeting were approved.

1. Public Works
2. Durham Town Issues
3. Composter Sale
4. Spring Newsletter
5. Video Productions
6. IWMAC Membership
7. Swap Shop
8. **Next Meeting - February 16th, 7:30 A.M. @ Council Chambers**

1. Jessie was thanked for her good job on writing several pieces for the January Public Works flier. It was noted that the PW explanation of articles that need electronic stickers was not clear. Does printer/copiers mean just that or printers and copiers? Do these need a sticker of their own if not turned in with a computer? Also, some batteries, those other than alkaline, should not be tossed.

Tracy will review the Solid Waste figures of 2003 and look for possible ways that the committee can make a difference. Dale Valena will check on the date of the next hazardous waste day, which will be noted in the spring newsletter if the timing is appropriate.

2. Merle reported that she spoke with Amanda Merrill of the Planning Board about instituting a regulation that required all private developments to provide recycling pick-up. Amanda felt that it was not the Planning Board's area to make such regulations and that it should be taken up with the Town Council. Merle will check with Doug Bullen and contact Councilor Arthur Grant for further information.

Diana Carroll had expressed an interest to Tracy to visit Town Hall to tell them of the paper that IWMAC has used successfully for the newsletter that can be purchased through UNH.

After hearing something mentioned about the need for a pooper-scooper law in town at the recent Council meeting, Tracy has decided to check into any regulations that might already be on the books and how to get a law passed.

3. Jessie will check with the State offices to find out when the composter sale is taking place this year. She suggested smaller bins as well this year, Tracy suggested selling compost turners and Dale suggested selling kitchen storage bins, all to keep interest high in composting.
4. Possible topics for the spring newsletter include: litter, pooper-scoopers, hazardous waste, battery disposal, compost bin sale, interview with a PW employee and neighborhood clean-ups as possible topics for newsletter articles for the spring edition. Jessie and Merle will have a more specific list and a layout for next meeting.
5. Tracy introduced a project for this summer, that of producing 4 short films to be run on DCAT. Her subject suggestions were: following a piece of trash, (documentary style), a "Martha Stewart" type how-to film on composting, and a "60 Minutes" type report aimed at explaining what solid waste costs. Dale Valena will do the research and talk on the film following one piece of trash. We will check with Richard Gallant, Craig Stevens and Pip Clewes, about filming and editing.

Jessie has updated DCAT and the IWMAC portion of the Durham web site with all new information needed to make our committee information correct.

6. The committee is still looking for new members to fill vacancies. Any ideas are welcome.
7. Jessie and Tracy would like to reward the Swap Shop 2003 volunteers. Options are being explored. We will get back to this issue again.
8. Next meeting is to be held on Monday, February 16th, 7:30 A.M. @ Council Chambers.