

# Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

## Minutes

3-15-04 7:30 A.M.

Present: Tracy Wood, Chair, Jessie McKone, Dale Valena, Diana Carroll, John Kraus, Doug Bullen, Merle Craig, Recorder

The minutes of 2-16-04 were approved.

1. Public Works
2. Durham Town Issues Relating to DIWMAC
3. Spring Newsletter
4. Swap Shop Update
5. Ongoing Issues/New Ideas
6. Next Meeting

1. Doug reported that some of the electric poles at the Transfer Station will be moved next month and then electricity will be brought to the Swap Shop and other areas that don't have it now. Railings will be installed around the edge of the circle in June.

A separate aluminum receptacle will be purchased. Aluminum is now bringing 45 cents per pound, so it makes sense to store it separately. A bin for other metals will be placed to the side of the circle. Metal currently brings in \$85 per ton.

Another roll-off will be purchased for household trash. The packer truck currently used for that purpose will be retired and used as a back-up vehicle for the new truck.

The co-collection vehicle now being tested has a major shortcoming. It cannot separate cardboard and paper. That would mean the two materials would have to be collected together, dumped in a bin and then separated by hand. Double handling of the material does not make sense. A new side-packer and an allocation for a replacement recycling vehicle are needed. The cost of the two vehicles is close to the cost of one co-collection vehicle.

John mentioned that the Town of Lee has a new drive through building at its recycling center and suggests we check it out.

Doug reported that Spring Clean-Up will start May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

2. The Town is now using paper that is 80% recycled materials and chlorine free.

Merle reported that a letter was sent to Planning Board Chair, David Watts, relating to the committee's position on requiring recycling in all new developments. A copy of the letter will be attached with the minutes. Letters will also be sent out to the Condominium Associations of the 3 developments in town that do not provide curb-side recycling for their members. The form of that letter will also be attached with the minutes.

3. Jessie reported on the upcoming newsletter. She passed around several articles written by her and other committee members that will be included in the spring issue.

Jessie is trying to get more information on a neighborhood clean-up initiative so she can put a note about it in the newsletter. Public Works will contribute and pick up bags if the idea comes to fruition. The committee plans to do more on this subject next fall.

Public Works has not yet received information on the exact day of Hazardous Waste Day, so the newsletter will just remind citizens that it will take place in the fall.

It was agreed that the time for a pooper scooper article has come. John has informed us that this issue has been brought before the Town Council before.

Tracy has not referred to a possible ordinance or any ruling in her article, just factual information written in a light manner.

Final drafts are due March 17<sup>th</sup>. Printing will take place on April 2 and 5<sup>th</sup>. Folding and addressing will take place on the mornings of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Jessie asked that anyone willing to help be invited.

4. Dale mentioned how neat and attractive the Swap Shop looked when she arrived to volunteer. She brought up the subject of electronic boxes for cable TV. Doug mentioned that they cannot be used again, so must be trashed and should not be kept at the Swap Shop. Dale suggested that volunteers have name tags. Jessie had made them up for everyone, but they are gone. It was thought that a stack of write in name tags could be purchased and left at the Swap Shop. Jessie is taking photos of all volunteers to be displayed on the wall. The Swap Shop shifts are 8:30 – 11:30 and 11:30 – 3:15.

5. Diana suggested that we ask local businesses to feature alternatives to hazardous products like cleaning solvents and paints next fall near the time of hazardous waste collection and this spring for gardeners.

Jessie suggested a guide for community functions with a reminder to have recycling services at all events. Doug stated that permission is needed from Public Works for events on Town property and presently they were held on a carry-in, carry-out basis.

6. The next meeting date was not decided, but was subsequently planned for 5-3-04. Newsletter folding and labeling will usurp meeting time in April.

