

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Tracy Wood, Diana Carroll, Jessie McKone, John Kraus, new member, Neal Ferris, Merle Craig, recorder, Doug Bullen, Publick Works, Guest, Dee Henley from UNH RENU, Richard Gallant, former member.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Welcome Visitors
 2. Approve minutes of last meeting
 3. Announcements
 4. UNH: Dee Henley UNH RENEW
 5. Public Works – Doug Bullen
 6. Durham Town issues relating to IWMAC
 7. IWMAC videos
 8. Swap Shop update
 9. Ongoing issues/New ideas
 10. Next meeting
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1. Guests were not present at this time. New member Neal Ferris was introduced to and welcomed to the committee by those that had not yet met him.

2. The minutes of the 5-3-04 meeting were approved

3. Announcements:

There is still one vacancy on the committee.

Richard Gallant and Neal Ferris and Kate Glanz volunteered to help at PW on Friday, June 25th, the distribution day for the compost bins. Merle Craig will call those who ordered composters and get another volunteer to help distribute them.

Copies of “the greening of Exeter”, an article from the Exeter Bulletin about Exeter Academy’s efforts to become more sustainable school were passed out to all members.

4. Dee Henley, coordinator of UNH RENEW, who got involved by doing an independent study through The Student Community Service and Leadership Program at UNH, spoke about the project. This year (their second year) they collected over 3,000 pounds of unopened food and 191- 30 gallon bags of usable clothing from UNH students who were moving out at the end of the year. This was distributed to local charities. For a 2-1/2 week period, boxes are placed in residence halls. Renew volunteers collect them, United Way and others donate the

hauling. Dee organized 55-60 student volunteers. Boxes, trash bags, photo copying and advertising was funded by a UNH Parents' Association grant. Publicity is important to help students feel that they are engaged. Henley's concern is that it continue every year. She is trying to make it a permanent event.

5. Doug Bullen announced that there may be a new MERF opening in Newmarket, doing recycling first, then adding household waste services. This would be much more convenient to Durham than Rochester.

The new lines at the Transfer Center have traffic moving in an organized manner. The seeding and final tarring have been completed. The railings are not yet in place since the integrity of the railing where it is joined to the wall is being debated.

In addition to going over the monthly recycling statistics, Doug announced that Spring Clean Up cost the town just under \$39,000. Revenues from metal were \$1082.

Public Works may bring up the subject of eliminating Spring Clean Up for discussion at Town Council. Escalating costs make it an expensive proposition. Instead, the Transfer Station could be open to all town residents (with proof of residency) for a week without the requirement of a sticker or bulky waste coupons. Elderly or infirm residents could request that PW pick up at their curb. The committee supports this change.

6. Since there are no condominium associations at present in any of the town's 3 private way developments, Merle will contact the Executive Director of Spruce Woods, and Cindy Mulcahy, Assistant to Ann Barrett, Coldwell, Banker, Hunneman at Fitts Farm to see if something can be worked out.

It was decided to write another letter to the Panning Board chair and attend and make a statement at one or more meetings asking them to require private developments to provide recycling pick up.

Jessie McKone and Dale Valena will meet with school officials this summer. They will walk through each classroom to make sure each has a recycling poster and a bin. Eighth graders will now be notified of the recycling efforts at Orientation and it will also be put in the student handbook. Jessie will be making hand outs to distribute to the eighth graders as well.

7. There was much discussion about videos until time ran out. Most, if not all, of the committee feel that this would be an exciting way to reach out to the public. Tracy explained some of the thoughts she had about them and suggested several topics. Some of the discussion involved the elements of production. Richard Gallant spoke of the videos of Durham Day that he had worked on and how they were produced. Waste reduction/ resource conservation, composting, recyclables and a

Swap Shop tour were all considered important and interesting topics. More to come on this topic.

8. Time ran out before covering Ongoing Issues/New Ideas on the agenda. Topics to be taken up at a later date include IWMAC Membership, Diana's suggestion of a sustainable town, articles from Jessie, and any new agendas for "waste reduction".
9. Next meeting will be held July 12th at 7:30 A.M., Council Chambers.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.