

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Tracy Wood, chair; Dale Valena; Merle Craig; Jessie McKone; Doug Bullen, Public Works; Diana Carroll, recorder;

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Welcome visitors
2. Approve minutes of last meeting
3. Public Works – Doug Bullen – Monthly data and equipment update
4. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Review –Richard—Local vs. regional, alternatives, state grants
5. Durham Town Issues related to IWMAC: Report to Town Council, 10-4-04; School update; Durham Day Agenda (9-12-04)
6. Fall Newsletter
7. Neighborhood Clean-ups? (October?)
8. Other topics for future presentation and discussion:
Wastewater pipeline (Sept. Town Engineer to speak/Neal)
Copies of BioCycle and letters from residents available to read (Sept)
Video project on hold with no future start-up date in mind
UNH's CSL connection (Oct. Tracy)
Spring Clean-up discussion (Oct./Nov)
Discussions for 2005 IWMAC goals (TBA)
9. Next meeting

1. Resident, Richard Gallant, was in attendance.

2. The minutes of 7-14-04 were approved.

3. Doug presented July's recycling figures in a hand out to the committee. Prices for paper and cardboard have remained high and thus continue to be a good source or revenue for the town. Doug explained the process that the Public Works Department has been through in investigating and trying out a new packer and a new recycling truck. Public Works will be recommending to the Town Council the purchase of two trucks from Kahn Corp.

Plans to keep the Recycling Center open late on September 11 were discussed. This is the date of this years church yard sales. In the past the churches dropped off a lot that ended up being sent to the landfill. Diana has suggested arranging for additional Swap Shop volunteers to help sort items that might be eligible for placement in the swap shop. Jessie will e-mail all the volunteers to try to accommodate this suggestion. Diana will communicate with church officials to let them know what type of items require the electronics/appliance \$10 stickers.

4. Richard has accomplished much research and background work in the area of community and regional household hazardous waste pick up. He reported that Melanie Wheeler, a state employee who is in charge of HHW grants in NH, was most helpful in providing him with information and that she would be available to speak at one of our committee meetings. Richard approached Todd Selig (Town

administrator) regarding a regional HHW pick up that Durham would be part of. Todd was positive about such an effort but needs more information from Public Works and IWMAC. There were some questions from members of the committee regarding what currently takes place. We do have yearly HHW pickups in Durham but do we receive a grant from the state for this? Or does Durham pay the full amount? Doug will speak with Shari to answer these and other questions. It was suggested that Shari attend one of our meetings and brief us on the Durham HHW yearly pick up. Doug will ask Shari to compile some information for the committee such as the history of HHW collections in Durham, cost and logistical statistics on the collection, etc.

Jessie was concerned that more paper work might be added if we pursue a regional collection. Diana reported that 55 Durham residents have registered for the HHW collection in August. Diana suggested that it is time to consider a permanent, regional site for the collection of HHW. Tracy was concerned that if there was such a site that residents may think of hazardous waste as not all that harmful and easily disposed of. Currently, there are 2 regional, permanent HHW sites in NH: Keene and Wolfeboro. Tracy will call Keene to obtain some information on their site.

This began a discussion on the need to prevent having hazardous waste in our community to begin with. Dale and Diana will approach Dick Houghton and Chuck Cressy to talk to them about products sold in our community that are hazardous and what can be done.

5. Tracy will write up the presentation for the October 4th meeting with the Town Council. Jessie and Dale will be meeting with Tim Knowles regarding recycling in the schools.

It was decided to have an IWMAC booth for Durham Day Set.12, 2004 from 1:00—4:00 at Wagon Hill Farm. Committee members have volunteered to organize different aspects of the display. Tracy kept a list of these aspects. A compost bin is available as a door prize for one lucky resident who visits the IWMAC booth.

6. Merle gave each committee member a handout that outlined what the fall newsletter would contain – page by page. She and Jessie presented the articles and committee members volunteered (or had previously volunteered) to write the articles. The drafts are due to Jessie and Merle Sept. 3 and the final copy on Sept. 13.

7. Jessie suggested an interview with Nicole Moore who organizes a neighborhood clean up in the Dame Road area each year. Such a write up for the newsletter may inspire other such efforts in the future.

8. The topics listed in #8 above will be discussed at a committee meeting at the times noted next to them.

9. Next meeting: September 13, 2004, Council Chambers, 7:30 am. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.