

**Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee**

Present: Tracy Wood, Chair; Diana Carroll, Neal Ferris, Jessie McKone, Dale Valena and Merle Craig, recorder.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Approve minutes of last meeting
  2. Recycled paper for schools
  3. Newsletter
  4. Swap Shop Volunteer Soiree
  5. Other Issues
  6. Next meeting will be held March 18, 2005, 7:30 A.M.
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1. The minutes of the 1-10-05 meeting were approved.
2. Diana reported on her school paper use research. Oyster River Schools order their paper supplies from SES (Seacoast Educational Services) in Rochester, NH, a company that supplies many schools. SES goes out to bid annually. The bid goes to the paper company with the lowest price. The 2004 bid went to CP Paper in Nashua. Some of this paper came from Brazil. In 2005 the bid went to Savin Corp. in Ohio. Using figures from the OR Schools and estimated pricing for 2005, the additional cost to ORHS for the same 100% post consumer recycled, 100% chlorine free paper that the Town now uses would be \$940 more per year.

Diana has contacted a member of the Lee Recycling Committee and will contact the Chair of the Madbury Town Council. Tracy questioned why SES could not buy recycled paper in bulk. Diana suggested that the extra funds required for the recycled paper may be supplied by savings on lighting costs, i.e. keeping exterior electric lighting off during daylight hours and other procedures. Tracy thought a grant to get started might be helpful. Jessie suggested PSNH and NH DES for possible grant money. Dale will check into grant possibilities. Tracy also suggested running a silent auction to raise money to support the recycled paper initiative.

Diana's plan was agreed upon; to speak to school administrators, school board members and others one on one so no one is surprised by this proposal. The entire committee will probably take part in this effort.

3. The spring newsletter will feature sustainable landscapes and green gardening with the theme of water use running through several articles. Tracy and Merle will collaborate on the feature articles. Jessie will report on the ORHS Environmental Club, the transition to electronic newsletters for some, as well as organize the layout, printing, and mailing procedures. Tracy will report on the spring RENEW program and interview one downtown business. Diana and Merle will also each interview a business. Neal will be attending the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Barrington concerning the proposed sewer pipe from the Great Bay area to the ocean. He will report on the pipe in the newsletter. Dale will write up the recent Swap Shop Volunteer Soiree and include some photos. Merle will write up the Did You Know section.

4. The Swap Shop Volunteer Soiree' was a great success. There were approximately 30 attendees to the Sunday luncheon event honoring the volunteers. Councilors John Krause, Peter Smith and Anne Marie Harris, as well as Administrator Todd Selig attended. A special feature was the poem read by Harriette Underwood. A good time was had by all.
5. Other Business – Jessie noted that a brochure called Ground Water in The Seacoast Region of New Hampshire, prepared by the American Ground Water Trust is available at the front desk of Town Hall. She also read a copy of the letter of thanks she sent to Chuck Cressy at the Durham Marketplace for their donation of a food platter to the Volunteer Soiree. The need for new committee members was discussed.
6. Next meeting is March 18, 2005 @ 7:30 A.M. Todd Selig will be present.