

IWMAC MINUTES

March 18, 2005, 7:30AM to 9:15AM

Present: Tracy Wood (chair), Diana Carroll, Jessie McKone, Merle Craig, Dale Valena, Neal Ferris, John Kraus, Todd Selig, Doug Bullen, Amy Cunningham, Crescentia True (UNH OSP)

1. New members, visitors, and Todd Selig welcomed
2. Minutes from last meeting Approved and Merle will send off to Todd.
3. Public Works:
 - a. Doug didn't have monthly details, but will email them to Tracy, and she will pass on. NRRA is offering rain barrels, and a kitchen bucket along with the yearly compost bin sale. A flyer will be included in the Spring Newsletter.
 - b. Spring Clean-Up. After much consensus and discussion. The committee agrees that the Spring Clean-Up is a courtesy service, by the town for the residents, and should not be abused. Therefore, PW is within its authority to establish and publish reasonable guidelines to minimize any abuse of the service. Individual loads shall be limited to one truck load (approx 10cu.yd.); the amount of tires left for pick-up will be closely monitored and recorded. Statements shall be placed in the newsletter and on the list serve, and mentioned by John at a Council meeting.
4. Members:
 - a. Diana will be leaving IWMAC to serve on the Town Council. She WILL be missed!! She has one project that is not yet complete. Attempting to get the ORS to use paper from recycled content. Other members of the committee (who already focus on issue at ORS) are willing to take up that project.
 - b. Fortunately two more people are interested to join IWMAC. Crescentia True from the UNH Office of Sustainability is a Durham resident, and will join us as a rep from the university. Amy Cunningham is a Durham resident who has been very active in recycling issues in Forest Park residential area, and is now available to help IWMAC. We are very happy to have them both.
5. Spring Newsletter:

- a. Jessie and Merle have nearly all the articles, but are having a tricky time fitting all the pieces into the 8 pages. Rough draft pages were passed around, pages from PW are still due and will include the new info from NRRA. A final draft will be done by March 22, 2005. Tracy will be responsible for corralling volunteers for the folding. Folding will be the first week of April, at the PW offices or Town Council chambers.
 - b. Along with the Compost Bin Flyer it was recommended that we publish at least an URL for info on composting. We will, but the bins also come with a book of guidelines. A mention of the compost available at the UNH Kingman Farm is also desired. (usually the availability starts in April, contact name Steve Bunker)
6. GREEN BUILDING:
 - Merle and Jessie had previously met with Todd to discuss developing recommendations for municipal buildings in Durham. It has been recommended that IWMAC first meet with some other town groups, and then write up a presentation for the town council.
 - The standard for Green Building (sustainable design) is L.E.E.D. Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design which sets standards for design, construction, and monitoring of buildings for long-term health to people and the environment. These standards also consider and may benefit energy savings, upkeep costs, and labor costs associated with employee health.
 - Merle recommends reading, "*Cradle to Cradle*" by William McDonough. Todd comments: His main concern is cost effectiveness. He wants to get the most for the money that the town spends on any new construction. So, he recommends a possibility for LEED standards to be considered for any new constructed, but for LEED standards to be mandated, is unlikely.
 - An upcoming UNH Brown Bag Lecture will highlight a USC experience utilizing Sustainable Design for a new dorm residential building. (Mon. Mar.21)
7. 2005 PROJECT LIST/SCHEDULE: No comments really, except to try and get a tour of the WWTP in June instead of July.

8. UNH ReNU: Crescentia and Jessie have been attending meetings and are currently involved with helping the program. Basically IWMAC will help gather more resident volunteers for the work. Diana may have found a barn for the storage of furniture if ReNu needs the extra space. Crescentia is helping from her OSP role.
9. WASTEWATER:
 - a. Neal has continued to attend meetings regarding the Study on the proposed regional wastewater outfall. A new permanent chair has been elected, and this chair is quite proactive for a sensitive outcome. This project has implications for Durham, as this year Durham's discharge permits are up for review.
 - b. Durham has 4 options for its WWTP, and increasing the dilution factor of the discharge from the WWTP: (1) connect to the regional outfall which empties into the ocean, (2) Improve the inner workings of the WWTP, thus improving the quality of the discharge, (3) Dredge OR to make it deeper, (4) Extend the current discharge pipe farther down the OR. ANY final decisions have yet to be made.
10. NEXT MEETING: April 22, 2005