

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Tracy Wood; Chair, Jessie McKone; Neal Ferris; Dale Valena; Shelley Mitchell; Crescentia True; Doug Bullen, Public Works; John Kraus, Council Representative; Julian Smith, guest; Merle Craig, recorder.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Approval of minutes
 2. Public Works
 3. Durham town issues relating to IWMAC
 4. ORSD: use of recycled paper
 5. UNH/IWMAC relations
 6. HHW
 7. Other or new issues
 8. Next meeting
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1. The 4-22-05 minutes were approved as read.

2. Doug Bullen handed out recycling figures through March. **Spring clean-up** was more efficient this year since items did not have to be reloaded because of the new roll-offs. Some things are still left at the curb. Electronics have been tagged. Quite a few people did go to public works and buy electronic stickers. There was no abuse of the advertised conditions of the clean-up. 518 man hours were needed for spring clean-up at a time of year when there is a lot to do in many areas. The labor costs were approximately \$17,000, which included some overtime. Things went very well.

Compost and rain barrel distribution is June 20th. Merle will check with Shari and get volunteers to help.

Waste Water Treatment Plant will be visited by the committee sometime in June.

Special Issues were discussed, such as the fact that 50 bags had been left at curbside 3 times this month by one resident. 15- 20 at curbside each week is typical at this site. Code Officer, Tom Johnson has been notified. Other residents sometimes regularly leave 6 or more bags. Perhaps it is time for a limit. Dale suggested pay per bag. Tracy stated that a bag limit per week is a good start toward pay for bag. John suggested trying to address isolated cases while putting bag limit in ordinance to have as public record. Crescentia felt that it was important to present the issue correctly to the town.

Neal asked if there were many recyclables in garbage bags. Doug replied that the town employees generally don't open the garbage bags, but do tag the blue boxes if they are

contaminated. Jessie suggested changes to the use of clear bags. Doug stated that people feel they are paying twice when they have to buy bags for garbage. Crescentia suggested possibly a 3 strike policy, 2 warnings, then you don't get pick-up.

3. The pros and cons of **spring clean-up** were discussed. Doug would like the committee to make recommendations with pros and cons to the Council. Neal talked about the recycling value when out-of-towners pick up usable goods at the curbside. He also suggested that possibility of a fee for pick-up or perhaps having no Transfer Station permit but paying for a spring clean-up permit.

A research group including Tracy, Jessie, Shelly, and Dale was formed to further discuss the matter.

Guest Julian Smith stated that he wanted to send a letter to committee members stating his opinion on eliminating both spring and fall clean-up.

Crescentia commented that the Town might be able to **compost leaves at Kingman Farm** instead of sending them to Barrington. Doug was interested in this idea and Crescentia will get back to him with details.

4. It was reported that the town of Lee wants to use recycled paper in its schools.

5. Jessie brought UNH guide "UNH & Durham Community Guide for Students" for the committee to read. She also reported on what is happening with UNH **RENU**. They have received lots of clothes. Some of what students leave is being picked up by others. Townspeople are volunteering. Volunteers are still needed on Friday from 4 to 6. It is possible that UNH will institutionalize RENU.

Jessie also reported on the **dinner hosted by the UNH fraternities and sororities**. Other town representatives were there along with representatives from each Greek house. She felt that it was a nice opportunity to connect and chat. She also reported on **Solarfest**, held on the UNH campus, which she and Tracy attended. Despite the bad weather, there was a lot of interest in the compost bins and rain barrels that they displayed.

June 6th is the **presentation to Town Council** on the activities of the committee. Other issues were put off until next meeting since it was getting late and most members had to leave.

8. Next meeting is tentatively set for June 7th.