

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Tracy Wood, chair; Merle Craig; Dale Valena; Shelley Mitchell; Neal Ferris; John Kraus, Town Council Rep.; Jessie McKone, recorder

Also present: residents, Richard Gallant and Julian Smith

The minutes of the 5-17-05 meeting were approved with minor changes that Merle will handle.

Agenda Topics directly below correspond to numbered paragraphs, which follow:

1. Set Meeting Dates
2. Sub-committee report on recommended changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance
3. Spring Clean Up - discussion of possible changes
4. July 18 (upcoming) committee report to the Town Council
5. Update of discussions regarding purchase of recycled paper for the ORCSD
6. Household Hazardous Waste, possibility of a regional collection center
7. Possible collaboration with the Durham Landlord's Association
8. Recycling in Private Developments
9. SB70 Regional Wastewater Update
10. Media presentation of IWMAC Issues

1. The next two meeting dates have been set: Wed, July 6th and Wed, August 3rd. Meetings start at 7:30 am in the Council Chambers. This information will be posted on the Durham listserve.

2. The committee will recommend wording additions and changes for the Durham Solid Waste Ordinance regarding unreasonable amounts of trash being put out at individual curbside locations. Shelley cautioned against making new rules for exceptional cases. The employees in charge of the weekly rounds are best able to determine what constitutes unreasonable amounts and enforcement can be referred to the Code Enforcement Officer. The sub-committee will confer with Doug Bullen and Tom Johnson before making final recommendations. Updated language to reflect the new name of the facility and to address the length of time that trash can be left at the curb (Section 8c) will also be prepared. There was consensus for reviewing the Solid Waste Ordinance annually. New committee members received copies of the Ordinance that was approved in November, 2002.

3. Tracy gave a summary of the research group discussion regarding Spring Clean Up. Essentially there was agreement that a program similar to that run in Newmarket is worth reviewing. It entails residents bringing their own bulky waste to the Transfer Station during a period in the spring when no Transfer Station permit would be required. There are various pros and cons associated with such a change so the committee will continue to seek input before making a recommendation. Julian encouraged the committee to consider why the town provides this service and possibly delineate other services that Public Works supplies during this same time period. He believes that Public Works employees could be freed up to help clean sites of illegal dumping and littering that sorely need it or work in areas that benefit all citizens. Jessie feels that all residents are paying for the current Spring Clean Up costs even though not all use the service. Neal is hesitant to bid goodbye to the recycling factor associated with the Spring Clean Up event

and suggests we try to determine how many residents avail themselves of the items left on the curb. John cautioned that changes of this sort may draw ire, so careful presentation and education is needed. Shelley suggested considerable fact-finding and a possible survey of residents. Merle would like to see a cost comparison so that all can engage in informed discussion. Dale suggested that we could have the best of both worlds (Recycling and Cost Effectiveness) if residents place items on the curb a few days before they bring it to the Transfer Station. Jessie would like to see an expanded area for reusable items at the Transfer Station during the period of Spring Clean Up. It is recognized that regardless of our attempts to communicate any changes, there will be glitches and complaints during a transition period. The research group will continue to examine options and gather ideas from other towns. We will ask Crescentia if she has anything to report about "leaf options" for Fall Clean Up.

4. The IWMAC annual report to Town Council is scheduled for July 18, during the meeting that starts at 7 pm. It is a brief overview of the committee's progress (new and on-going initiatives).
5. Dale reported that the ORCSD School Board is receptive to having representatives of IWMAC speak about our support for the purchase of recycled paper for the district. Dale will get a firm date and relay that information to the committee. It was suggested that student groups and the PTOs could be rallied to support this cause, too. The IWMAC school liaison group will pursue these contacts. Ongoing attempts to encourage conservation of paper should not be forgotten.
6. The question of whether to try to establish a regional collection center for Household Hazardous Waste was raised again. The committee would like to see an investigation of any benefits and drawbacks and generally determine the process that would be required. Richard suggested further contact with Melanie Wheeler in Concord. He also feels IWMAC should work to get Town Council backing of this. Jessie will check with Trish Murdoch, Doug Bullen and Shari Plitkins to see what has been done and what is feasible.
7. Tracy is waiting to hear back from the Durham Landlord's Association. She suggests that we review the info in the UNH Commuters Packet and develop suggestions for improvements in the language regarding recycling. Copies of this publication are at the counter at Town Hall.
8. Merle will reconnect with Fitts Farm and Allen Farm to see if they have condo associations now. If so IWMAC can attempt to help work out recycling options.
9. Neal will ask Todd to post on the listserve the date of the "SB70" (regional wastewater treatment) *public workshop* once the June date is set. Concerned citizens are encouraged to go and learn more. Town Engineer, Bob Levesque was expected to attend today's planning mtg.
10. Richard suggested that IWMAC post agenda topics on the listserve and include a link to committee minutes that are on the IWMAC web page. Since our minutes are not posted until they are approved (a month later), we might consider providing general links to past minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.