

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee Minutes For Wednesday, July 6, 2005

Present: Jessie McKone, Substitute Chairperson, Dale Valena, Neal Ferris, Doug Bullen, Public Works and Shelley Mitchell, Recorder.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Welcome visitors
 2. Approval of minutes
 3. Next IWMAC meeting date
 4. Regional HHW issues
 5. Transfer Station Operations
 6. 2005 Spring Clean Up Cost Analysis
 7. Spring Clean Up Sub-Committee Report
 8. Solid Waste Ordinance Sub-Committee Report
 9. Green Buildings Sub-Committee Report
 10. Schools Sub-Committee Report
 11. Wastewater Update
 12. New Frontiers Industries Field Trip
 13. Miscellaneous or New Items
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1. No visitors in attendance
2. Jessie called for approval of the IWMAC Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2005. Shelley Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes and Dale Valena seconded. Motion passed.
3. The next IWMAC Meeting date is set for **Wednesday, August 3, 2005 at 7:30 AM** in the Durham Town Hall Council Room. Shelley Mitchell suggested that the Committee consider scheduling future meeting dates and times a year in advance and consider including some evening meetings. We need to have a larger discussion on this suggestion. The consensus was that Wednesday evenings were a good option.
4. **Regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Issues:** Doug Bullen's assessment of the idea of the Town of Durham accepting the responsibility for being a regional depository for HHW is that it would be a large burden from a financial aspect, as well as an additional workload requiring the transportation and disposal of HHW. Also, it would require new training for staff. His recommendation was to use education as a preventative method, informing people on making wise choices and making purchases that are environmentally sensitive. Using organic materials and using water-based vs. oil-based paints are good examples. We should use our newsletter to communicate ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. At Durham Day, we could showcase water-based environmentally friendly consumer products. Organic lawn products are available and they work well. We can contact Chuck Cressey and Dick Houghton as resource people. Doug Bullen concluded by recommending the Town of Durham keep HHW operations in-house.

Turnkey, located in Rochester accepts most HHW. People can always call the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for more details on what they accept. People need to take personal responsibilities for their HHW.

5. **Transfer Station Operations:** Jessie McKone would like to see better signage for oil recycling at the Transfer Station. Doug Bullen felt that providing clear communication at the Transfer Station is important. Diligence and presence is required. Jessie McKone recommended having three employees on Saturdays when it is busier and two employees on Tuesdays. The cost of paying a part time person to work on Saturdays might be worth it to ensure against contamination in the roll-off containers. The vehicle count on Saturdays averages 364 vs. 200 on Tuesdays.

Jessie McKone attended a Biodiesel Conference where she found out about a free offer for “No Idling” signs. She asked Doug if one could be placed at the Swap Shop and he thought it was a good idea. A suggestion was made to put a reminder on the listserve for people not to let their engines idle around town, in general.

NRRA Co-op Programs: Durham is part of the Co-op and receives their Full Circle Newsletter. The Co-op has a new program for recycling cell phones. If people would like to request their newsletter, you can contact them at NRRA, 9 Bailey Road, Chichester, NH 03258 603.798.5777 or email at nrra@tds.net

6. **Spring Clean-Up:** Total Spring 2005 Clean-Up Costs totaled **\$39,898.02**

Cost breakdown as follows:

Fuel@ \$1.70/gallon x 1400 gallons = **\$2,380**

Equipment Costs (3) Trucks x 80 hrs each x \$30/hr = \$7,200

(1) Back hoe x 80 hrs x \$30/hr = \$2,400

(1) Front loader x 80 hrs x \$30/hr = \$2,400

Total = \$12,000

Contractor Hauling & Disposal Costs for 108 Tons = **\$13,215**

Town Hauled Costs for 26.85 tons x \$70/ton = **\$1,879.50**

Salaries (Six workers pulled for 2 weeks)

478 hrs ORG.....\$8,057.92

39.5 hrs OT.....\$1,766.10

54.5 hrs PT.....\$599.50

Total Hours 572.....**\$10,423.52**

Doug Bullen delineated Public Works projects that must be put on hold when Spring Clean Up is in progress such as post-winter road repairs, road striping, and residents’ requests for damage repairs, drainage work and other day-to-day duties. He estimates Spring Clean Up costs increase annually by about 10%.

7. **Spring Clean Up Sub-Committee Report:** Jessie McKone asked Doug Bullen to review and respond to the Sub-Committee’s discussion points as soon as possible. The IWMAC is diligently working toward its recommendations to the Town Council on Spring /Fall Clean Ups. Dale Valena emphasized the importance of public input as part of this process. Shelley Mitchell concurred and went on to call this a fact finding phase that the IWMAC is undertaking as part of formulating any forthcoming recommendations.

8. **Solid Waste Ordinance Sub-Committee Report:** Shelley Mitchell reported the committee met on Tuesday, July 5, 2005 to review and make recommendations to update and clarify the Ordinance section and the Rules & Regulations section. Doug Bullen will provide standard language for trash container specifications.
9. **Green Buildings Sub-Committee Report:** More to be shared by Merle Craig in August.
10. **Schools Sub-Committee Report:** Dale Valena reported Diana Carroll gave an excellent presentation to the Oyster River School Board on June 15 in support of purchasing 100% recycled paper for district use through UNH. Dale, Shelley and Haley Parry (Shelley's second grade daughter) all spoke on behalf of IWMAC for positive consideration of this project. The School Board unanimously voted to purchase 100% recycled paper from UNH contingent upon their budget. Presently the Town of Durham and UNH are utilizing 100% recycled paper.
11. **Wastewater Update:** Neal Ferris reported on the Great Bay Estuaries Commission meeting (the new name for SB 70 Committee) held on June 7. In regard to the Treatment Plant, it was recommended that a regional approach be implemented. A fall charrette is being planned. Their next meeting will be held at the Durham Town Hall on Tuesday, July 19, 2005. Neal will submit details to be posted on the Listserve.
12. **New Frontiers Industry** (recycled plastics) Field Trip to Milton, NH has been tentatively set for July 15. Please check with Tracy Wood for confirmation.
13. **Miscellaneous or New Items:**
 - IWMAC Newsletter planning will start in August.
 - Durham Day is set for Sunday, September 18, 2005.
 - Compost bins and rain barrels were successfully distributed.
 - The UNH Commuters Guide is at the printers, IWMAC may have opportunity for input next year.
 - Recycling at Town sponsored events was discussed, Jessie McKone will pursue.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 AM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Shelley Mitchell, Recorder.