

# DRAFT

## Minutes

12-6-05

7:30 am

### **Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee**

Present: Shelley Mitchell, chair; Dale Valena; Neal Ferris; John Kraus, Town Council rep.; Jessie McKone, recorder

The minutes of the 11-1-05 meeting were approved. Shelley shared guidelines of public law for posting minutes. In the future, attempts will be made to post DRAFT minutes for IWMAC meetings within six days of the actual meeting. Committee-APPROVED minutes will be available after each next monthly meeting. Draft postings may be made to the Town Hall bulletin board.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Annual Report Update / IWMAC year-end review
2. Issues relating to Public Works (Compost Bins, December newsletter)
3. Green Building Update
4. Spring Clean Up Exploration
5. Recruiting new IWMAC members
6. Great Bay Estuary Commission
7. Education to coincide with Schools purchasing recycled paper
8. Announcements
9. Next Meeting

1. Jessie showed the final version of the IWMAC annual report that was submitted for inclusion in the Town Annual Report. IWMAC had a busy year. John noted that this year's near 100% participation with paper leaf bags has a meaningful impact in Durham and should be a source of pride for the committee. John will seek statistics to help quantify labor saved, money saved, environmental benefits, volume reduction possibly due to increased composting, etc.

Shelley noted that additions have been made to the IWMAC annual calendar. Goal-setting for the following year will be addressed in May and budgetary needs that coincide with these goals will be discussed in July. This goal-setting will not preclude new initiatives that may arise later in response to current events and/or committee wishes.

2. The latest flyer from the NRRA shows a change in dates for compost bin sales and distribution. These changes will not coincide with our Spring newsletter anymore. Suggestion were made for how to continue offering the bins to the public. Jessie will confer with Public Works and NRRA to help develop the best solution.

Janice at Public Works is working with Doug Bullen to prepare the December newsletter. There is space for IWMAC to submit material. Possible topics are Swap Shop Winter Guidelines, Guidelines for Planet Aid Bins and for Curbside Textiles Recycling, a listing of Local Charitable Organizations and the Reusable Items They Accept. Shelley and Jessie will gather and submit material.

3. Dale reported that the second IWMAC-sponsored Green Building presentation aired on DCAT. The committee will order three copies of the two presentations and assess our budget monies as needed. The

Green Building Working Group will meet in January to discuss further direction. Possible use of info from the Jordan Institute website regarding Minimum Impact Development will be examined.

4. Shelley described the consistent approach that the Spring Clean Up Working Group has used to gather information from many surrounding towns on the subject of handling bulky waste and variations of Spring Clean Up procedures. The working group would like to finish the benchmarking soon and submit findings to the council in February. Neal suggests that the committee form a recommendation in addition to presenting possibilities. The working group will meet with the Public Works director as soon as possible.

5. Shelley is waiting for word from the UNH Office of Sustainability Programs as to whether someone in the department is available to join IWMAC. She reminded us to continue looking for interested folks who might fill the two vacancies on the committee. Steps may be taken in January to write an inviting job description that can be run on DCAT or the listserver.

6. Neal reported that the next meeting of the Great Bay Estuary Commission will be an all day charette on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Cooperative Middle School in Stratham. More info can be obtained at [www.coastalclear.org](http://www.coastalclear.org). Neal plans to attend the session to monitor the talks about possible regional wastewater treatment with discharge into the Atlantic Ocean.

7. School Board member Karen Larson has asked IWMAC to help with education about reducing paper use. This is needed, among other reasons, to offset the increased expenditure for recycled paper. The School district will soon place their first order for recycled paper. Dale will set up a meeting with our high school contacts first and will suggest mentoring as one approach to involve students of all ages. Jessie reminded about educational resources of the NRRA.

#### 8. Announcements:

IWMAC'S proposal for changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance Rules will be place on a Town Council agenda in January.

Info submitted to IWMAC about preventing wastewater treatment nightmares (clogged pipes, pharmaceutical contamination) is available (from Jessie) and will be considered as potential educational material for our next newsletter.

Dale has taken over the scheduling for Swap Shop volunteers. Thank You, Dale ! A professional video camera donated to the Swap Shop has been given to the video teacher at ORHS. It holds promise for continued valuable reuse.

The Durham Garden Club is presenting "Is A Sustainable Garden Possible?" on 12-20-05 at St. George's Church at 6:45 pm. Call Donna Simpson at 659-5472 for more information.

9. The next meeting is scheduled for January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 am at Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.