

Minutes

1-3-06

7:30 am

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Shelley Mitchell, chair; Merle Craig; Dale Valena; Neal Ferris; Tracy Wood; Jessie McKone, recorder

The edited minutes of the 12-6-05 meeting were approved.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Public Works Report
2. Green Building Initiative
3. Spring Clean Up Exploration
4. UNH RENU
5. Other
 - a. Great Bay Estuary Commission
 - b. Recycling at UNH Inquiry
 - c. Committee Member Resignation
 - d. Letters received by IWMAC
 - e. Swap Shop Recognition Event
 - f. Budget information memorandum
6. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2006

1. There was no Public Works report at this meeting since Doug Bullen was unable to attend.

2. The plan of action for the Green Building Initiative is to continue to offer educational materials to town officials and to the community at large. Craig Stevens of DCAT provided IWMAC with CDs of our two presentations that can be rerun in the future if desired. Jessie would like to report on minimum impact development in the spring newsletter. Merle reminded us that green building materials are becoming more accessible and cheaper as time goes on.

3. February is the target time for IWMAC to submit recommendations to the Town Council regarding Spring Clean Up and the handling of bulky waste. The research group will meet with Mike Lynch next week to outline possibilities and get his feedback. After considerable discussion, there was consensus for keeping the recommendations simple, for aiming toward equity, for preparing a clear presentation of our benchmarking of practices in neighboring towns, and for effective cost comparisons. The research group will report back to the full committee at the next meeting.

4. A service fraternity at UNH, Alpha Phi Omega, will be organizing the RENU effort this May. No communications have, as yet, been received. If called upon, IWMAC will attempt to recruit community volunteers to help with the collecting of food and clothing

from exiting students, as it did last year. This is a worthwhile program that facilitates significant reduction of waste.

5a. The Great Bay Estuary Commission is scheduled to meet on January 6, 2006. The charette originally scheduled for January 28 is now listed as "To Be Announced". Neal will continue to monitor their website and keep us posted on their progress.

5b. A UNH recycling program contact, Tom Byron, is looking into the recycling at several small buildings on campus based on questions that Neal posed.

5c. Merle announced that she is resigning as an IWMAC member after serving nearly 5 years. Her steady, thoughtful influence will be greatly missed. Thank You Merle, for your many, many hours of valuable service to Durham and to the environment.

5d. Jessie will respond to Diana Carroll's letter asking about #1 through #7 plastics recycling. Diana's question regarding cardboard recycling at new businesses will be referred to Public Works.

Todd Selig will confer with IWMAC members regarding separate letters from A.S. Westneat and J. Gangwer, but he has sent initial responses to both individuals.

5e. Dale and Jessie will discuss options for a Swap Shop Volunteers Recognition Event. They will keep the committee posted as dates and as plans are made.

5f. Shelley has a budget document from Todd Selig that she offered to share with committee members who are interested. Future budget updates will also be shared.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at Town Hall beginning at 7:30 am.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.