

# Minutes

2-7-06

7:30 am

## Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Shelley Mitchell, chair; Dale Valena; Neal Ferris; Tracy Wood; Doug Bullen, Public Works; John Kraus, Town Council representative; Jessie McKone, recorder

Also present: resident and Town Councilor, Julian Smith

The edited minutes of the 1-3-06 meeting were approved.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Report from Public Works
2. Spring Newsletter Outline
3. Spring Clean Up Exploration
4. Swap Shop Volunteer Recognition Event
5. ORHS Environmental Class/IWMAC mtg.
6. Other
7. Next meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2006, 7:30 am

1. Doug reported that the incinerator at the Transfer Station is to be decommissioned. The possibility of asbestos in the burn chamber needs to be assessed prior to decommissioning. The eventual placement of a trash compactor where the incinerator currently is, is being considered. Use of a compactor could help reduce trips to Turnkey Landfill, cutting fuel costs and truck costs by 50% or more. There is no timetable for this effort at present. Tracy suggested that the value and feasibility of scales for the Transfer Station also be seriously considered because of the revenue potential.

The revenue for corrugated cardboard is down a little to \$65 per ton. Mixed paper revenue is steady. The commingled tipping fee is unchanged. Durham is paying a more desirable price per ton for trash (\$57.33/ton) as compared to Dover (~\$72.00/ton). This is because Dover recently renegotiated its contract with Waste Management and Durham still has four years left on its contract. Prices are likely to go up significantly when our contract is up. All towns are being assessed a fuel surtax. The current price for disposal of Bulky Waste is \$70.00/ ton. Durham's new roll off truck is filling the bill as a good investment. It gets continual use for hauling recyclables like paper, tires and C&D to their needed destinations.

2. Jessie handed out a draft layout for the spring newsletter. Everyone weighed in on content and selected the articles that they will write. Jessie will e-mail the semi-final overall newsletter to IWMAC members for editing input prior to printing. Julian Smith offered to help with editing as well. Participants were asked to observe the deadlines given on the handout. Jessie will get information on payment for printing.

3. Shelley reported on the status of the Spring Clean Up exploration. Mike Lynch of Public Works will provide us with the cost factors for different scenarios discussed. Shelley will touch base with Doug and Mike to clarify the information needed. Plans for gathering public input will be fleshed out once more statistics are in hand and in presentation format. Projected increases in cost for the disposal of bulky waste may be estimated based on the increases of the past few years.

4. It was suggested that a date in May be chosen to organize a recognition event for Swap Shop Volunteers. The weather in May will be conducive to organizing a cookout and possible locations will be considered. Jessie and Dale will report back later with further ideas.

5. The ORHS Environmental Class led by teacher, Jon Bromley, invited various town officials to meet in their classroom on January 20, 2006. Diana Carroll of the Town Council, Karen Larson of the ORCSD School Board and Jessie McKone of IWMAC attended and spoke of their respective roles and of their interest in providing resource information relating to the class' goals. One effort will be to find ways to educate peers about the need to conserve paper. Other goal setting is planned.

6a. Julian Smith asked the committee to make a recommendation to the Town Administrator encouraging the use of Community Service groups to address the problem of roadside litter. It was asserted that fewer court-appointed litter workers have been available in the past couple of years. Doug has worked with fraternity volunteers in the past and expects to do so in the future as well. Julian is willing to host a spring and/or fall picnic on his property near Packers Falls to reward clean up volunteers. Jessie suggested contacting Steve Papajohn of the UNH Greek Affairs Office to discover if the Greek Houses have flexibility in deciding the areas they volunteer to clean. Shelley feels that it is important to hear about the proactive efforts that do occur. Julian also expressed his interest in becoming the Town Council representative to IWMAC. His e-mail contact is [whalerock@mindspring.com](mailto:whalerock@mindspring.com).

6b. Neal urged people to save the 3/25/06 date in order to attend the regional treated wastewater disposal issue meeting at the Coop Middle School in Stratham. One can go to [Coastalclear.org](http://Coastalclear.org) for an update. Neal also provided his new e-mail address: [naturalreligion@verizon.net](mailto:naturalreligion@verizon.net).

6c. Committee members were reminded to make some personal contacts in an effort to help fill some of the vacancies on our committee.

6d. Shelley and Jessie plan to update the list of local charitable organizations that accept used equipment, furniture and other items. Once updated the list will be available for visitors to the Swap Shop as well as to visitors of Durham Public Works.

6e. Shelley has been looking in to grants that might help IWMAC with an array of projects. She will report back on this if she finds one that fits with committee goals.

6f. IWMAC members received word through a letter from the Town Administrator that a petition signed by many Durham residents (aimed at allowing Transfer Station workers to wear short pants) will not be honored due to concerns for safety. However, long pants of 100% cotton may be substituted for the less breathable fiber-blend that is currently issued.

6g. Tracy will reply to Joyce Sheffield who has offered to host a social gathering of former, current and potential future IWMAC members. Gatherings such as this provide a more relaxed opportunity to examine what's new in the area of waste reduction as well as to infuse renewed enthusiasm for the hard working committee members.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 7:30 am. IWMAC meetings are held in the Town Council chambers of Town Hall. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.