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Minutes 3-7-2006

7:30 AM

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Shelley Mitchell, chair; Neal Ferris, Jessie McKone, Dale Valena, Tracy Wood, minutes; Doug Bullen, Public Works Representative; John Kraus, Town Council Representative; Todd Selig, Town Administrator.

Also present; Julian Smith, Gerald Loughman, Paul Berton, Rob Watson

The edited minutes of the 2-7-2006 meeting were approved.

Agenda Topics Below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Council Representative
2. Report from Public Works
3. Durham Landlord Association
4. Spring Clean-Up Exploratory Update
5. Newsletter Update
6. Other
 - a. Letters from the Town Administrator of interest to IWMAC
 - b. IWMAC Budget
 - c. ORHS
 - d. Charitable Organization List Update
 - e. Tofu Tubs for Art Project

1. Council Representative: Thanks to John Kraus for his service to the committee. John and the valuable service he provided will be missed. This meeting was his last as representative to the IWMAC. John re-iterated the importance of having a committee rep who is a liaison for the IWMAC to the Town Council, but otherwise lets the citizen volunteers, of the committee, go about their activities.
2. Public Works: Doug Bullen handed out the year-to-date totals for recycling items at the Transfer Station. He briefly reviewed the totals and some of the fluctuations in prices for recyclables. Doug had reviewed the possibility of expanding the # plastics received. This comes after the announcement that Dover has expanded plastics collection to all grades (#1-#7). Doug stated that these plastics are transported to Kennebunkport, Maine for processing and the transportation costs associated with that trip were prohibitive for the town of Durham. Durham will continue to limit plastics recycling to #1-#2 plastics. The price for metal has dropped significantly, as it is closely affected by supply and demand economics. Public Works has received a new roll-off truck and will put the old roll-off truck up for sale.

3. Representatives from the Durham Landlords Association (DLA) were present and addressed the committee regarding any recommendations the IWMAC can make about Spring Clean-Up timing in the spring and/or considerations for landlords and student-residents regarding bulky waste items and Spring Clean-Up accessibility.

Much discussion ensued regarding the origins of Spring Clean-Up, the progression of timing for Spring Clean-Up changes in the last 4-5 years, and classifications and distinctions between business owners and residents. Doug Bullen reviewed the costs associated with Spring Clean-Up. Data regarding Spring Clean-Up before the date of the cleanup was moved to May is sketchy at best, so little is clear about the impact of the change of date. The issue is the impact to Spring Clean-Up cost associated with the departure of students and costs associated with the bulky waste of these student-renter-residents.

The DLA representatives also stated, an Option B, where they would like a compromise that would include access to the Transfer Station for a 2 week period after UNH graduation, where they can unload bulky waste items without the need for bulky waste coupons (\$65/truckload). DLA reps stated they represent at least 18 landlords who would take advantage of this option. Other discussions surrounded the exploratory project regarding Spring Clean-Up options, Bulky waste recycling Options at the college, and landlord recycling efforts at different facilities. Jessie questioned whether landlords consider including a clause in their leases that require students to take their furniture with them when they move out or be charged a fee. Rob indicated that he didn't want to penalize his good tenants and it is difficult to determine who left what. Fees are assessed if students damage the rental properties. Julian Smith suggested that landlords work with the "Durham - It's Where You Live" organization to create a Swap Shop for students on campus.

After listening to the DLA representatives and discussions the IWMAC members agreed to recommend that Option B be considered by DPW and the town administrator; to let landlords have access to the Transfer Station for drop-off of bulky waste items for a 2 week period, after UNH graduation, for this year, without the need for Bulky Waste coupons.

4. Spring Clean-Up Exploratory Update: Shelley Mitchell reviewed the options under considerations for alternatives for Spring Clean-Up. These options are briefly as follows: (1) Transition Spring Clean-Up from a curbside pick-up to a drop off process, temporarily suspending Transfer Station access fees and bulky waste fees. (2) Eliminate Spring Clean-Up, eliminate Transfer Station access fees and bulky waste coupons. Install truck scales and charge a fee per pound for bulky waste and C&D. Access would be available all year long. (3) Eliminate Spring-Clean-Up for a Pay-As-You Throw for bulky waste items left curbside and determine a designated monthly date for the pick-up. (4) Keep Spring-Clean-Up, but with some cost-effectiveness and logistical changes.

Discussion ensued regarding each item, clarifying how each would work, the long-term implications, the effect to PW and the town budget, and likes and dislikes and concerns. Doug Bullen was given information collected by Tracy Wood regarding a truck scales bid, and he will get the rest of the estimated cost impacts for all considered options as soon as possible.

5. Newsletter Update: Jessie discussed the printing options as she is working with PW on who will/can pay for the printing. She has left openings in the newsletter layout for announcing changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance that IWMAC presented for consideration by the council months ago. Jessie will be editing the newsletter alone this year as Merle is no longer an active member on the committee, but Jessie will let us know if she needs help. All the draft articles have been turned in on time, and it is just a matter of editing.

6. Other:

- a. Shelley Mitchell has received some letters from the town administrator that she passed around for review.
- b. The IWMAC received \$300 in yearly funds, and with carry over from grant monies our total 2006 budget is \$552. [...](#)
- c. Shelley Mitchell shared a follow-up letter to the Oyster River Cooperative School Board thanking them for their overall support for use of recycled paper within the school system.
- d. The Charitable Organization List and items accepted was updated and distributed to IWMAC members. It will be available at the Public Works Office and at the Swap Shop.
- e. Beth Olshansky is looking for Tofu Tubs for art projects, and it was unanimously recommended she place a receptacle at the Swap Shop.
- f. Neal reminded the committee of the regional wastewater "charette," to be held at the Stratham Middle School from 8 to 3 on Saturday, March 25.

7. Meeting Adjourned at 10A.M. The next IWMAC meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4th, 7:30 A.M. at Town Hall.