

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

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

Also present: resident Julian Smith; guest Jerry Howe; resident Henry Smith

The minutes of the 3-7-06 meeting were approved.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Report from Public Works
3. Review of HHW collection
4. UNH Commuter Guide
5. Spring Cleanup Exploratory
6. Spring Newsletter
7. Other
 - a. Successes
 - b. DBA/DIWUL event
 - c. GBEC Charette report
 - d. Announcement from Julian Smith
 - e. Recycling bins at July 4th
8. Next IWMAC Meeting Date **changed** from May 2nd to Tuesday, May 9th

1. Mark Morong stated that he was pleased to be the Town Council representative for IWMAC. IWMAC members welcomed him to his first meeting in that capacity. Dale introduced Jerry Howe as a possible facilitator for IWMAC's Spring Cleanup Public Forum.

2. Doug Bullen handed out recycling statistics for January, February and March 2006. Discussion was deferred so that time would be sufficient to dialogue with Jerry about his potential role as a facilitator. Jessie will e-mail the page of suggested changes for the Solid Waste Ordinance regulations to Doug, so that Public Works can add language about bags and barrels being securely sealed.

Jerry gave an overview for organizing the forum and for eliciting public input. Presentation of the three models outlined in the newsletter should be given without advocating for any particular one. Jerry would then ask for public input that would be categorized as advantages and disadvantages for each option. Neal suggested that background about the Spring Cleanup working group be given so that attendees will understand why the three options presented warrant focus. Mark suggested that the committee be clear as to the goal of the forum when publicizing it. Ultimately, IWMAC will identify and justify recommendations to the Town Council.

Wednesday, June 21st was selected as the date for the Public Forum. Locations will be evaluated for parking, user-friendliness and DCAT access. DCAT can tape the proceeding and air it at a later date. Jerry offered to provide a write-up of how this forum would serve IWMAC and the public policy process. Dale will be the contact person for Jerry. She will also check on facilitator fees.

3. The committee decided to defer discussion of the Household Hazardous Waste collection process to a future meeting.
4. Jessie identified a few areas in the UNH Commuter Guide that could use some clarification relative to recycling in Durham. She will contact the producers of the guide to determine the deadline for input and will keep IWMAC apprised of her communications.
5. Shelley is seeking clarification on the costs of the different Spring Cleanup options that IWMAC is studying. She will be in touch with Mike Lynch to get the data needed. She will also be in touch with the Spring Cleanup working group to set a meeting date.
6. Jessie thanked everyone for editing input on the recent Spring newsletter. Shelley extended thanks from the committee to Jessie for her layout work. The work provided by B&B Printing was outstanding. Dale has lined up numerous residents to help with the folding and labeling of the newsletters. The paper used for the newsletter is 100% recycled and "process chlorine-free". The newsletter will be mailed April 7th.
- 7a. Mark commented that it was impressive to see committee members taking time to write articles for the newsletter and indicated that the newsletter reflected the success of hardworking volunteers.
- 7b. A town-wide cleanup event sponsored by the Durham Business Association (DBA) and Durham--It's Where U Live (DIWUL) was announced. It will take place May 6th from 10 am to 3 pm. Volunteers will assemble outside Murkland Hall. A cookout lunch will be offered. Community members and students will participate. Dick Houghton, the DBA's liaison to DIWUL wanted the IWMAC to be aware of the event and to extend an invitation to attend.
- 7c. Neal reported that approximately 120 seacoast residents attended the day-long charette on March 25th, put on by the Great Bay Estuary Commission. Sub-groups focused on Land Use, Technical Engineering, Ecological Water Quality and Institutional Issues. Neal's impression was that towns seem to favor a town-by-town approach to establishing future treated wastewater plans.
- 7d. Julian Smith stated that he would like to become a citizen member of IWMAC. He has asked the Town Administrator to determine if there are any rules that would prevent a Town Councilor from serving on a town committee. He indicated that he has strong opinions but would side with majority opinions of IWMAC even if he disagreed with them, if Town Council votes were concerned.
- 7e. Dale asked that we look into having more recycling bins at this years Fourth of July celebration and Doug said he would address that.
8. The May meeting of IWMAC will be on the *second Tuesday* (**May 9th**) instead of the first Tuesday. It is scheduled for 7:30 am at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.