

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

**** Meeting Place:** Durham Police Station Community Room. Town auditors were using our usual meeting location at Town Hall.

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

Also present: resident Henry Smith; guest Jerry Howe; Town Administrator Todd Selig

The minutes of the 4-4-06 meeting were approved.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Forum Planning
3. Goals and Budget Planning
4. Report from Public Works
5. Spring Clean Up Exploratory
6. UNH RENU Program Update
7. Other
 - a. New Member
 - b. Solid Waste Ordinance Updated
 - c. IWMAC Report to Town Council
 - d. Swap Shop Volunteers Recognition
 - e. NRRA Conference June 5th and 6th
8. Next Meeting/Adjournment

1. The committee welcomed Monica Smith as IWMAC's newest official member. Other non-committee members were welcomed as well.

2. Jerry Howe handed out copies of a proposed timeline for the planned IWMAC Public Forum on Spring Cleanup. Discussion included suggestions for what IWMAC members will present and what Jerry will facilitate. Jerry will state that IWMAC is seeking input and that this is not a formal hearing. He will also note that IWMAC will consider the cost and feasibility of the suggestions before making a final recommendation to the Town Council. The Spring Cleanup working group will ask Jerry to review the presentations of the three models prior to the Forum to help ensure impartiality. Shelley indicated that because of the benchmarking the committee has done, there should be a time for summarizing this during the forum. A meeting date will be selected soon to hammer out the details. Monica asked if any decision by the Town Council could be implemented before another year has passed. No one was sure of that at this point.

Various means of publicizing the Public Forum were discussed. The Working Group will let Doug know of desired wording for Town signs. Dale has secured the ORHS Multipurpose room for the Public Forum with a time frame of 7-9 pm. Everyone at today's meeting indicated a willingness to extend the time frame if necessary to allow for all persons to have a chance to speak. The Forum will be taped by DCAT to be aired at later dates. Jessie will try to clear up the IWMAC e-mail address so that we may effectively receive input via that approach.

3. Goals and Budget Planning: Shelley reviewed our goals listed in the Durham Annual Report. In brief, they include coordinating with Public Works on waste issues, improving recycling at public events, promoting Green Building approaches for Town projects, and varied approaches to educational outreach. Committee members named the following as additional areas of possible focus for the coming year: continue educational outreach via our Spring and Fall newsletters, consider new approaches to waste reduction, revisit precycling education, connect with legislators and others about the institution of a bottle bill that would help deter littering and increase recycling, wastewater management reporting and monitoring of the Great Bay Estuary Commission's progress, hazardous materials education, stormwater education, Swap Shop improvements, combined efforts with businesses, UNH, landlords and community, and spring cleanup forum follow up. Discussion of goals and corresponding budgetary needs will continue at our June meeting.

4. Doug reported that this year's Spring Cleanup would likely be completed in a total of two weeks time. The Transfer Station has been averaging 6 full roll-off containers of waste per day that get sent to the Turnkey Landfill as a result of the curbside collection of Spring Cleanup piles throughout town. That represents about 25 tons per day at a cost of ~ \$70.00 per ton (This translates to ~ \$1,750 per day for tipping fees. This does not include the transportation costs). Some discussion centered around the revenue and cost trade offs that exist in Durham's recycling program: we pay to recycle commingled items, but receive revenue for paper, cardboard, metal and other items. The open/coupon-free days at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center after UNH graduation will be structured so that materials coming from exiting students may be measured in specified roll-offs.

5. Tracy reported on the meeting of the Spring Cleanup working group with Mike Lynch and Doug Bullen of Public Works. Logistical needs of the three models for Spring Cleanup were discussed. After hearing the summary of this meeting, Monica suggested the idea of establishing a fee that could be assessed residents who had no way of getting their bulky items to the Transfer station (to make model #2 more feasible.) She thinks that the Town should not recommend (certify) private haulers because of liability concerns.

6. Jessie reported on this year's UNH RENU effort to collect and recycle material from exiting students. Boxes have been provided in dormitory and apartment lounges for student to leave nonperishable food and clothing items. The effort will span May 9th through the 19th and is spearheaded by the student service organization known as Alpha Phi Omega. Jessie will e-mail committee members and other potential volunteers with details of how, when and where they may report to help.

7a. Shelley announced that Nicole Moore plans to join IWMAC. She was not able to attend today because of a prior commitment.

7b. It was noted that the Town Council recently approved the IWMAC-suggested changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance. Thanks were expressed to Jessie for her role in addressing the final details of that effort.

7c. Shelley expressed a wish to dovetail our annual report to the Town Council with our recommendations to the Town Council regarding Spring Cleanup. We agreed to aim for August 21st as the date to accomplish that.

7d. Dale and Jessie will select a date for the Swap Shop Volunteers Recognition Party and will get back to the committee soon. Monica offered her home as a possible location for that event.

7e. Jessie recommended that someone from IWMAC and someone from Public Works attend the upcoming Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) Conference on June 5th and 6th. She will forward addresses of new IWMAC members to the NRRA so that they will be included in future mailings.

8. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am. The next IWMAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at Town Hall at 7:30 am.

