

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Shelley Mitchell, chair; Dale Valena; Monica Smith; Mark Morong, Town Council rep.; Jessie McKone, recorder

Also present: residents Nicole Moore and Chuck Baldwin; and Public Forum Facilitator Jerry Howe
Unable to attend: Tracy Wood, Neal Ferris, and Doug Bullen

The minutes of the 5-9-06 meeting were approved.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Public Input
3. Public Forum Planning
4. Goals and Budget Planning
5. Report from Public Works
6. Other
7. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

1. Nicole Moore and Chuck Baldwin both indicated an interest in becoming committee members of IWMAC. They were warmly welcomed.

2. No personal public input was received, but Shelley handed around five printed copies of e-mail received recently via the IWMAC@ci.durham.nh.us connection. She has sent acknowledgement replies to each thus far. Varying opinions about handling bulky waste and about keeping or dropping Spring Cleanup have been stated via e-mail and letters. Shelley is keeping a folder. These viewpoints will be considered equally with those expressed at the upcoming public forum.

3. Jerry has reviewed the material that has been prepared for the three Spring Cleanup Models to be presented at the Public Forum and believes we are in good shape, recognizing that we are still awaiting certain financial data that will be forthcoming (once Doug Bullen returns from vacation). Jerry and Shelley provided an overview for our visitors of the committee's effort to address bulky waste disposal. Ultimately IWMAC will make a recommendation to the Town Council for their consideration.

Publicity about the June 21st Public Forum such as a news release sent to Foster's, signage, flyers, posting in the Town Administrator's Friday Updates and listings on DCAT and on the Town website have already been initiated and further steps were outlined and assigned. Everyone was encouraged to use word of mouth as an additional form of getting the word out. Dale will arrange for the Public Forum location walk-through at the ORHS multi-purpose room. Shelley will ask Doug to e-mail Spring Cleanup 2006 data to all committee members. Chuck asked if waste per capita data is available and whether it would be useful to compare with other towns. He also questioned how much UNH students influence the waste totals and suggested that a student rep on IWMAC could be worthwhile. Jessie outlined ways in which IWMAC has been involved with UNH ranging from community and coastal cleanups and end-of-year recycling of clothing and nonperishable food (project RENU) to education about composting in conjunction with the UNH Office of Sustainability Programs.

4. Shelley reviewed the suggested 2006-2007 goals brought up in the last meeting and began the effort to prioritize them and also to identify those members who might "spearhead" different initiatives. Mini introductions (2-3 minutes) on new initiatives will be shared at the July 11th monthly meeting. The committee will not be limited to the following goals, but recognizes that there are limits to the time and energies of the volunteers on the committee:

- Present Spring Cleanup/Bulky Waste recommendations to Town Council on August 7th. Also present committee annual report to the Town Council. Conclude efforts of the Spring Cleanup working group. Shelley/Tracy/Jessie (all committee members are encouraged to attend this Town Council meeting.)
- Investigate the "Cool Cities" program sponsored by the Sierra Club and determine if their protocol would be useful and beneficial for Durham. Dale/Jessie
- Improve recycling at public events Dale/Shelley
- Learn about how a legislative bottle bill helps promote recycling in other states and consider contact with NH legislators to possibly initiate it for NH. Monica
- Continue educational outreach via a spring and fall newsletter All committee members
- Find out more of what is happening at UNH and invite guest speakers to our meetings. Dale
- Contribute to messages that UNH students receive from DIWUL, Wildcap, Commuter Services and others regarding recycling and waste disposal responsibilities and opportunities. Chuck ?
- Improvements to the Swap Shop Mark
- Monitoring and updates on regional wastewater plans of the Great Bay Estuary Commission Neal

5. Because Doug Bullen was on vacation, there was no report from Public Works at this meeting.

6. Other:

6a. Dale will prepare invitations to the Swap Shop Volunteer Recognition Party slated for August 17 from 5-7pm at Town Hall. Jessie and Dale will work on the details and keep everyone posted.

6b. Mark suggested that we consider a name change for the committee that has a memorable acronym.

6c. Nicole and Chuck summarized their interest in IWMAC. Briefly, Nicole has initiated numerous local neighborhood cleanups and Chuck has always been interested in re-use.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for the **second** Tuesday of July (July 11) since the first Tuesday is a holiday (July 4th). It will be held on July 11 at 7:30 am at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.