

**Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee**

Present: Shelley Mitchell, chair; Dale Valena; Monica Smith; Neal Ferris; Mark Morong, Town Council rep.; Doug Bullen, Public Works; Jessie McKone, recorder

Also present: residents: Chuck Baldwin and Judith Rystar; Jerry Loughman, Durham Landlord's Association chair; and Public Forum Facilitator Jerry Howe

Unable to attend: Tracy Wood

The minutes of the 6-6-06 meeting were approved.

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Welcome/ Public Input
2. Spring Clean Up Recommendation
3. Goals and Budget Planning
4. Report from Public Works on expanded access to Transfer Station in May
5. Other:
  - 5a. Initial Bottle Bill Investigation
  - 5b. Workshop on Right To Know Laws, July 25<sup>th</sup>
  - 5c. Swap Shop Pot Luck Dinner Plans
  - 5d. Landlords Good Will efforts
  - 5e. IWMAC Report to Town Council, August 7<sup>th</sup>
6. Next IWMAC Meeting: August 1<sup>st</sup>

1. Jerry Loughman of the Durham Landlord's Association (DLA) reported that numerous members of the DLA used and appreciated the expanded access to the Transfer Station that was offered prior to and after UNH graduation. It happened to coincide with residents bringing in (flood-caused) water-damaged bulky items. Doug reported that effective segregation by DLA members of metal, bulky and wood items took place. No fees were assessed.

Private Way Durham resident Judith Rystar reiterated concerns that she had shared during the Spring Cleanup Public Forum. She feels residents of Private Ways should be able to access the Recycling Center free since no recycling pickup is offered on Private Ways and residents there pay full taxes for limited services. She said most of the residents on her Private Way really *want* to recycle. The committee agreed that some accommodation should be made and Doug will look into possible solutions.

2. Shelley extended a big Thank You to Jerry Howe for his help in planning and executing the recent IWMAC-sponsored public forum. His assistance was invaluable. Jerry noted the thorough work of committee members as another factor in the success of the effort. Discussion ensued that attempted to analyze the public input and the committee research. Each committee member was asked to summarize his or her reflections and then common threads were identified. Improved access to the Transfer Station that would encourage people to bring their own bulky waste emerged as a high priority. There was general consensus that operations at the Transfer Station be kept simple (as opposed to having a complicated fee structure), but that residents be responsible for own wastes. Making the Swap Shop accessible to a wider range of residents was also considered important. After much discussion, several motions and votes followed. Motion #1: That the Town eliminate the annual curbside pickup of bulky waste. Four committee members voted in favor of the motion, one member opposed it

and one member abstained. (Motion #1 passed.) Motion #2: That residents living on Private Ways in Durham be allowed free-access to the Transfer Station and Recycling Center and be issued two bulky waste coupons annually. After clarification of the language of this motion, it passed unanimously. Motion #3: That all Durham taxpayers and residents with proof of residency be granted free entrance to the Transfer Station and Recycling Center and be issued an entrance permit and two bulky waste coupons upon request that are good for the calendar year and that allow for one pickup truck load of bulky waste or C&D waste per coupon. This motion passed unanimously.

Jerry Howe recommended that the write-up of the committee recommendations be provided to Doug so that he may analyze it from a Public Works managerial and implementation standpoint. This should be done before presenting it to the Town Council.

3. Due to time constraints, the agenda item to discuss next year's goals and budgetary needs was postponed until our August meeting.

4. Doug reminded us that the Town receives revenue from many recyclables including metal, paper and cardboard. In addition there is a tipping fee avoidance factor that can be credited toward making recycling a worthwhile endeavor. We do have to pay for the recycling of co-mingled glass, cans, and plastics and for wood and other C&D wastes. The recycling revenue in 2004 was approximately \$49,000 and the tipping fee avoidance was \$45,500. For 2005 the respective figures were approximately \$40,000 and \$43,000. Shelley suggested emphasizing this information with the Town Council and residents. Doug also noted that wood left at the curb during spring cleanup is not easily segregated and often does not get recycled when picked up at the curb. If wood gets discarded as bulky waste we pay a higher price per ton for it. The roll-off container for Construction and Demolition debris at the Transfer Station is taken to ERRCO in Epping where ceramics, shingles and wood are separated and recycled.

5a. Monica reported that the current recommendation regarding a bottle bill in the NH legislature is not satisfactory and that it will take time to investigate a comprehensive approach. It might be worthwhile to check the national trends. She will keep us posted on what she learns.

5b. Shelley reminded us of the upcoming information session about the NH Right To Know Laws. It is planned for July 18 at 7 pm at Town Hall. Town committee and board members are encouraged to attend but it will be aired by DCAT as an alternative. It will be open to the public as well.

5c. Dale announced the final plans for the potluck dinner in honor of the Swap Shop volunteers. It is planned for August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm at Council Chambers. Committee members are asked to bring main dishes. Dale and Jessie will send out the invitations.

5d. Jerry Loughman outlined the "goodwill" measures that the Durham Landlord's Association takes. They give away used furniture and books to organizations in need and contribute money to the publication of the UNH and Durham Community Guide that encourages UNH student renters to be good citizens in numerous arenas including the handling of trash and recycling. Jerry suggested that IMWAC provide information to the Town Friday Updates about how the Swap Shop has been able to benefit flood victims to advertise the value of IWMAC efforts. It was also suggested that elements of our annual report to the Town Council be sent to the Friday Updates.

5e. All committee members are asked to attend the August 7<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting at 7 pm. Shelley will let committee members know what help she may need in putting together the annual report and the Spring Cleanup recommendation for that evening.

6. The next IWMAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 am at Town Hall. Committee members were asked to bring ideas for topics for the Fall Newsletter. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

