

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

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

Also present: residents Henry Smith and Margaret Christensen

Unable to attend: Neal Ferris, Chuck Baldwin, Nicole Moore

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

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| 1. Welcome/ Public Input | 5. Report from Public Works |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | 6. Presentation Plans for 8-7-06 Town Council Meeting |
| 3. IWMAC Goals and Budget Planning | 7. Other |
| 4. Fall Newsletter Proposal | 8. Next meeting: September 5th, 2006 |

1. Visitors were welcomed. No public input or commentary was presented.

2. The minutes of the 7-11-06 meeting were approved after one correction was requested. (Moved by Monica and seconded by Dale)

3. Shelley reviewed the list of proposed goals discussed in two prior meetings. There was consensus to limit the number of new initiatives to avoid burnout of committee members. The conclusion was that the committee would put effort toward existing efforts such as community education outreach and the swap shop. Seeing the Spring Cleanup recommendation to it's full conclusion is a given. We agreed to *monitor* recycling at public events, bottle bill possibilities and treated wastewater issues. Two new initiatives that will warrant focus include 1) investigation of ways that "Cool Cities" guidelines can be integrated into Durham's culture and 2) efforts to extend the Swap Shop roof line for sheltering construction materials such as doors, windows and sinks.

During the discussion of goals, two handouts were given. Monica shared background information on Bottle Bills from the Container Recycling Institute called "Bottle Bill Toolkit" which committee members may scrutinize. Dale shared a handout about the UNH Energy Task Force so that we may explore ways of integrating ideas regarding Cool Cities. UNH has done much in the area of monitoring and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and serves as an example for Durham and NH. Dale will network with UNH folks and share with IWMAC any potential for partnering situations.

Suggestions for improving recycling at public events included providing reminders via the Public Address System, suiting up a 'Recycle Bunny' or some other unmistakable character, posting creative signs around the venue ("It's patriotic to recycle"), and making sure lids with holes for recyclable beverage containers are always used. Also, notices on the Friday Updates could highlight the location of existing recycling bins in the downtown area.

Shelley asked for budgetary estimates that correspond to our committee goals. She will be submitting an IWMAC budget request by August 18th for the 2007 town budget.

Related to the goals discussion, it was noted that past initiatives with UNH such as Project RENU, Coastal Cleanup and updates to the Commuter Guide could be considered part of IWMAC's overall Education and Outreach effort. Our past Green Building initiative could dovetail with the new Cool Cities efforts. Besides Swap Shop structural improvements, a volunteer suggestion box could help improve Swap Shop operations. Numerous residents have noted the value of construction materials left at the Swap Shop and have requested that provisions be made to save them for longer periods of time before they get thrown out. After discussion of this, the following motion was made by Jessie and seconded by Monica: that Durham Public Works monies be allocated to build an open shed-type extension on the existing Swap Shop for protection of construction materials such as doors and windows. The resulting vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Doug

indicated that he is now working on his budget request and would add this to his request. Mark noted that some of the work on a Swap Shop extension could be done by volunteers.

4. Jessie handed out a draft newsletter layout and shared the timeline for drafts due. She will share the layout with those who were unable to attend this meeting, since drafts will be due on the date of our next meeting (September 5th). There will be some flexibility for content based on the desire to report on current events and the fact that the newsletter is scheduled to be sent to the printer around September 26th. Since Jessie will be doing editing and layout in a volunteer capacity, she greatly appreciates everyone's efforts to be conscious of the timeline. The Durham Day report will require a delayed due date, since Durham Day occurs on Sept. 10th.

5. Doug reported that DPW has received a request from the Edendale Dr. (Private Way) residents for trash pickup. Recycling pickup was arranged for that street based on the fact that they cannot take recycling to the Transfer Station without paying for the \$25.00 permit. They do have a dumpster for trash and since their home deeds have prohibitive clauses for trash pickup, their request was denied. When Public Works picks up for businesses on Friday there are two workers on the recycling truck, making it easier to heft the loads. Publicizing the preferred trash container for residential pickup will be considered since the residential pickup is done by one worker. Residents may need guidance when and if they decide to purchase new containers. Barrel containers that fit the truck's forklift are highly preferable.

6. Shelley shared the packet of materials that will be submitted to the Town Council regarding our annual report and Spring Cleanup recommendation. It is due today (one week prior to the Town Council meeting on August 7). The packet is extensive because of the amount of work that has been devoted to developing our recommendation on Spring Cleanup over the past year. Jessie asked whether the Councilors would voice questions on the evening of the 7th. Because of the complexity of the subject, it is important that the Councilors have all the materials and have some lead-time to formulate their questions. We can request to be listed as first on the Town Council agenda. If the Town Council feels the topic warrants a more in-depth discussion, they can schedule the IWMAC to attend a future Council meeting. Shelley expressed a need for clarification on the role and voting status of our IWMAC Town Council Representative. Mark (Town Council Rep. to IWMAC) does not concur on all points of the IWMAC Spring Cleanup recommendation. (He was the only member to vote against motion #1). Will his position on the Town Council carry more weight during Town Council discussion than the vote of the majority of the IWMAC members as regards recommendation #1 ? [Recommendation #1 states that the Town eliminate the annual curbside pickup of bulky waste.]

7a. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection is scheduled for September 9. It should be publicized on the Friday Updates soon. Efforts to accommodate everyone wanting to dispose of hazardous waste must be examined so that no one gets deferred for an entire year. Shelley suggests adding this to next month's agenda. Monica suggested that residents receive regular reminders of appropriate ways to deal with and reduce hazardous waste. Jessie encouraged any committee member with tips on handling hazardous waste to submit them to the Friday Updates.

7b. Shelley received information about the UNH Center for Undergraduate Research from Todd Selig and asked us to consider ways that a student might be able to work with IWMAC on a research project. Shelley will contact the Program Associate, Dr. Amanda Merrill, to express interest in participating in this UNH program.

7c. The Swap Shop Potluck dinner is coming up on Thursday, August 17 from 5-7 pm at Council Chambers. Committee members are asked to bring a main dish to share. Contact Dale or Jessie, with questions.

7d. Shelley noted with regret that Tracy Wood has submitted her resignation as a member of IWMAC. She expressed thanks for Tracy's dynamic leadership and spirited dedication to addressing waste issues. Her six years of service to the Durham community is tremendously appreciated and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best.

8. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th at 7:30 am at Town Council chambers.