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Minutes

5-1-07

7:30 am

Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present: Chuck Baldwin, acting chair; Shelley Mitchell; Neal Ferris; Jenna Jambeck; Kim Nadeau; Doug Bullen, Public Works Rep.; Peter Stanhope, Town Council Rep.; Jessie McKone, recorder

Also present: resident Henry Smith, UNH grad student Kathryn Lilly, Town Administrator Todd Selig
Unable to attend: Dale Valena

Agenda Topics below correspond to numbered paragraphs that follow:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Public Input
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Updates **A.** NHCC and ORCC activity **B.** Town Energy Committee **C.** Durham Biosolids
 D. Commuter Guide **E.** IWMAC 2008 Goals & Budget planning
5. Permit proposal (re. Transfer Station)
6. Report from P. W. **A.** General **B.** Recycling Letter to Businesses **C.** Recycling Barrels on Main St.
7. Other
8. Next Meeting/Adjourn

1. Chuck greeted everyone and reminded us that our guest presenter, Kathryn Lilly, is scheduled to be welcomed at around 8:15.

2. No public input, today.

3. The minutes of the 4-10-07 meeting were approved.

4A. Chuck summarized the recent work of the Oyster River Carbon Challenge, which has focused on finalizing its mission and goal statements. The steering committee of the ORCC is preparing to engage the many folks who have signed up via recent displays at Step It Up Day, Earth Day and Solarfest. A kickoff event is being planned.

4B. The Town Council is soliciting for applicants for a new town Energy Committee. The committee will consist of 5 residents, 1 town councilor, 1 Public Works representative and 1 UNH representative. Chuck suggested a look at the programs in Burlington, VT and Keene, NH as the Durham Energy Committee considers its organization.

4C. Town Engineer, Dave Cedarholm will be in contact with IWMAC members when he has further info and requests regarding the future handling of sludge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is no report for today's meeting. Shelley commended Dave on his recent efforts to educate residents about Rain Gardens. Dave recently devoted a Sunday afternoon to developing a Rain Garden at Public Works. Some residents (including Chuck and Neal) have donated plants. Lillies and ornamental grasses will work well because they are somewhat flood *and* drought tolerant.

4D. Jessie indicated that she has forwarded updated Durham Recycling Information to Brett Mongeon at the UNH Commuter Office for publication in the 2008 Commuter Guide. This was done after all IWMAC members had had an opportunity to provide input on a draft. She will follow through with Public Works to use the same updated language on the Town website. Kim noted that she appreciated the clarification on curbside requirements.

4E. The IWMAC must submit budget requests for 2008 in August. Chuck asked the committee to begin thinking about the costs associated with future goals and prepare to refine our ideas over the next several meetings. General discussion for further consideration included:

- create a document to educate users of the Transfer Station / Swap Shop
- distribute a diagram of the Transfer Station
- recreate a chart showing levels of recycling for the year -- what have residents accomplished...
- use photographs on the signs next to the roll-offs to help keep the loads from being contaminated
- plan education days at the Transfer Station when more volunteers are present (at each roll-off)
- review all signage at the Transfer Station including those near the entrance
- examine signage assistance available through NH The Beautiful
- consider future newsletter costs including mechanized folding and addressing
- creative parade displays / costs
- zero waste campaign / costs / possibilities for July 4th this year...
- local ban on use of plastic bags

Shelley indicated that this years budget includes money to cover newsletter costs, seminar or conference costs and for the Swap Shop Volunteer recognition event. Jessie encouraged attendance at the June 4th and 5th NRRA conference, particularly for any IWMAC members who have not attended before.

5. UNH graduate student, Kathryn Lilly provided information on her work with Town Administrator Todd Selig proposing a Resident Permit that would offer varied benefits including possible free entrance to the Transfer Station. The proposal includes the idea of making the permits available at the time of car registration, which varies throughout the year depending upon month of birth. Todd suggests the phasing in of benefits, so that it would be possible to determine ways to offset lost revenues (such as the current annual \$10 fee charged for Transfer Station entrance). Jessie expressed a willingness to increase the cost for bulky waste coupons so that those who generate that type of waste, pay something close to the actual cost. In 2006, approximately \$25,000 came from the sale of Transfer Station permits. In 2007, due to the changes in fee structure, Durham will likely realize half as much revenue in this area. Revenues go to the general fund. Peter would like to strike a balance of a reasonable fee for Bulky Waste that is not so much that residents would resort to illegal dumping. Free entrance would encourage proper handling of fluorescent bulbs and greater re-use of items via the Swap Shop. Neal feels that it is not unreasonable to charge \$10 for entrance to the Transfer Station, but if the 'multi-use' permit is accepted, he likes the idea of making one trip for car registration and transfer station pass. Doug indicated that over 100 tons of materials were brought in for 'free' during the recent free access on storm-related waste. Spring Cleanup also allows large amounts of waste to be dumped at the expense of the general fund. Jessie questions whether the clerks at Town Hall would be able to handle the increased volume of work associated with issuing the proposed permit. Many questions would have to be referred to Public Works.

A motion was made and seconded that IWMAC back free access to the Transfer Station via the proposed multi-use permit (recognizing that further analysis about cost of bulky waste coupons should be done). The vote passed unanimously.

6A. Doug reported that Spring Cleanup was underway and it is a very busy time. He also reported that mixed paper is currently commanding a very good price. Durham can currently get \$60/ ton and the buyers will pick up (saving fuel costs for us as well). 6B. The letter to businesses has not gone out yet, but Doug expects to get it out soon. 6C. Dale and Doug have come to some conclusions about the type and number of barrels to be ordered for Main Street. The recycling barrels will be the same or very similar to those on campus for continuity purposes. They will be placed as soon as possible.

7. Jenna shared a copy of an article from resident, John Carroll, about the value of the use of clotheslines toward energy conservation and reduced carbon dioxide emissions. She also announced that she would e-mail the IWMAC info about NH recycling legislation that is pending.

8. To avoid scheduling conflicts the date of the next IWMAC meeting has been changed to the SECOND Tuesday of June (June 13th). The meeting will take place in the Town Council meeting room at 7:30 am. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.