

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 9, 2008
Durham Town Hall 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chuck Baldwin, Julian Smith, Nell Neal, Neal Ferris, Kim Nadeau, Doug Bullen, and Matt Courtland.

7:32am - Chuck moved to open the meeting and was seconded by Julian.

Chuck presented the Green Cone that will be promoted at Durham Day as an alternative to the more traditional composter. It can handle meat and dairy but should not be used for vegetable garden compost if animal products are added. If we get 50 orders, the price will drop down to \$88.

7:50 am - Chuck moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting and was seconded by Julian.

7:51 – Newsletter - Kim spoke about the newsletter and reviewed the articles that are slated for the upcoming publications. Kim said that we have plenty of material. Nel heard that batteries and CFLs are not being recycled properly but Doug countered and said that car batteries are recycled and that other batteries/CFLs are sent away to be recycled. We will put a blurb about it in the paper.

The fact that the town of Durham buys its paper through UNH came up and Nel said she will see if the schools are buying paper through UNH. Kim will get the contact name for Nel.

8:03 – Durham Day discussion began. Durham Day is next Sunday, September 14th, from 12:30pm – 4:30pm. Chuck, Kim, and Nell will be at the booth most of the day. They should look to the Durham Friday Updates for cancellation information.

Heather dropped off the 30 plastic #4 reusable Nalgene water bottles we purchased as Durham Day giveaways. Nell will go to the Durham Marketplace and get 30 reusable bags after school as additional giveaways and she will ask for a Durham Marketplace sign so we can promote/thank them for providing the bags.

8:13 - Chuck said we could have a “swap shop grande” where each person brings in something they want to get rid of, puts it into an area and are given a number. They are then called back later in the day and they can pick something that someone else dropped off. This could called “Dump and Doughnuts ”.

8:15 - Doug reported on the YTD figures from Public Works, some of which are in the chart below.

Recycling

| Month | Paper in Tons | Revenue | Cardboard in Tons | Revenue | Commingle in Tons | Revenue |
|------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|----------|
| July 2008 | 34.65 | \$2599 | 22.25 | \$2559 | 26.5 | (\$53) |
| July 2007 | 31.53 | \$12621 | 0 | 0 | 19.34 | (\$329) |
| YTD 2008 | 261.86 | \$15626 | 88.86 | \$10759 | 205.51 | (\$848) |
| YTD 2007 | 250.6 | \$13687 | 83.9 | \$8976 | 168.15 | (\$3614) |
| Total 2007 | 407.21 | \$19951 | 150.8 | \$16772 | 272.29 | (\$5384) |

Doug also spoke about conversations he’s had with Casella Waste Management about single stream garbage and recycling collection for the schools. He is also looking at the possibility of switching to single stream waste collection for all municipal waste.

Single stream collection has become so efficient that only 2-3 lbs material is put into a landfill for each 100 lbs collected. The remaining 97 – 98 lbs are recycled, many times outside of the US. Chuck raised the

question about how much energy is being used to ship the recycled plastics to China and India. Doug said he would try to put together a field trip to the single stream facility in Auburn, MA.

8:39 – Clean Sweep – Heather and Nell were going to talk with businesses. Nell left this meeting early and Heather was not in attendance so we will push it to next meeting.

8:40 – Coastal Update – Pushed to next meeting.

8:41 - Neal said he is putting his paper recycling in brown paper bags based on what the recycling rules say. Doug said this is not necessary and it was agreed by all that the rules should be rewritten so it is clear that placing paper recycling in a brown paper bag is not required.

8:46 - Future Meeting Dates were outlined.

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8:48 – Chuck called to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Julian.