

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Durham Town Hall 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

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

7:30 – Chuck moved to open the meeting and was seconded by Julian.

7:31 – Chuck suggested that Matt add 2007 YTD information on recycling into the minutes from the September 9th meeting. The minutes were then approved.

7:35 – We spoke about single stream recycling at the schools, at UNH, and for the residents of Durham. Doug is gathering more information and will report back to IWMAC later this year.

7:40 – Wondering what UNH is doing with its refuse got Julian wondering if IWMAC has an official representative from UNH? Jenna is on the recycling board at UNH but we don't believe she was appointed by UNH to act as a liaison between the school and the town.

7:45 – Nell is not getting IWMAC emails anymore. She's going to check her spam filter and get back with us.

7:46 – Nell said that Moharimet saved money on electricity and paper last year. She was happy to report that based on these savings, the school administrator told all schools they have enact the same green practices.

7:50 – Nell said that she received free canvas grocery bags from the Durham Market Place for Durham Day and has since returned them because the event was cancelled.

7:52 – Nell told us about the Natural Step for Communities, a holistic program aimed at bringing sustainability into a town or city. Julian offered to secure us a spot in a future Town Council meeting. He suggested that we talk with people in Dover that have gone through the program and have them explain the idea to the Council, ideally with a 10 minute presentation and then a 5 minute Q&A session. It was suggested that the Council and some members of IWMAC take the course sometime next year. To raise awareness and promote the possibility of Durham participating in such a program, it was suggested that a DTV spot be created and that information go into a Friday Update.

8:00 - Kim gave us a newsletter update and was happy to report we are right on schedule. We have all the information we need and the printer is working on the newsletter. Having now gone through the bulk mailing process several times, Kim says we've got a great system which makes it easier for everyone involved.

Kim looked into purchasing recycled paper via UNH but their supplier has been known to raise prices multiple times in one year. It was suggested that we make sure to address rising paper prices in next year's budget.

8:25 - Doug was not in attendance so Julian told us about the cost saving idea discussed at Town Council, which is eliminating curb side pickup of garbage but opening the transfer station one extra day each week. He felt it was not a serious suggestion because the costs savings vs. the inconvenience on the townspeople did not make it a great option but it into a proposed budget.

We spoke about the proposal to eliminate Spring Cleanup day and Neal suggested that people put stuff out for others residents to look through and whatever is not taken must be brought to the dump by the owners. A lot of committee members had their own ideas and we decided to figure out what we suggest as a committee with Spring Clean Up and with Single Stream and present our positions to the Counsel at a later date.

It was reported that one bulk coupon is no longer given away when residents pickup their dump/parking sticker. The pass price has dropped to reflect this change and bulk coupons can still be purchased for \$10, then \$15 for a second coupon, and \$65 for each additional coupon.

8:50 – Chuck received approval for a lean-to and shed to be built off the back of the swap shop and wondered if we have people to help? He is hoping to get the foundation in the ground before the soil is frozen. Chuck also informed us that Jane Lenharth, the swap shop organizer, is looking for volunteers on the following days: afternoon of 10/18, afternoon of 10/25, afternoon of 11/1, and the afternoon of 11/8. Please contact her if you are able to help out. 868-7598.

8:55 – All committee members were asked to think about the Activity Calendar so we can discuss our priorities and develop a plan at the next meeting.

8:57 – It was suggested that we have a display in the lobby of the Town Hall this spring to showcase the the food digester we have, an electric digester, and a composter.

9:00 – Neil moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Chuck.