

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 09, 2008
Durham Town Hall 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Chuck Baldwin, Julian Smith, Nell Neal, Neal Ferris, Kim Nadeau, Heather Harvey, and Matt Courtland. Guest Speaker: Ellen Karelitz from The Natural Step for Communities

7:35am - Jennie Berry took our photo for the annual report.

7:40 am - Julian moved to approve the minutes, Neal seconded and they were approved unanimously.

7:45am - Ali LaFay, a UNH student, asked if she could sit in and take notes for her journalism class. She was welcomed and invited to sit at the table with the rest of the committee.

7:45am – 8:40am Nell introduced her friend Ellen Karelitz, who leads the The Natural Step for Communities discussion. Nell said she thinks it would be great if one person from each committee in the town of Durham that deals with planning could be part of an eight week The Nature Step for Communities (TNS) course. Nell hopes that IWMAC will support TNS program and that by taking this course, the town will be in a better position to develop a formal stance on the environment. This will in turn help all town committees deal with disparate views and act as a tool to maintain a focus on our natural world.

Ellen took TNS course this summer in Dover and found it very interesting that all of the attendees were Durham residents. She believes that already having UNH's world renowned sustainability program helps our chances of getting buy in on TNS. Ellen came to the meeting in hopes that she could give us her pitch for TNS and receive feedback on how to make it as effective as possible before she presents to other Durham town committees.

Ellen's talk was well planned and executed. Suggestions included: stressing that this is an educational opportunity rather than a hard and fast system to which we would be subscribing as well as commenting on the flexibility of TNS to make it more palatable to the many free minded people of Durham; including as many local examples as possible to show our fellow committees that neighboring communities are acting in a green manner.

It was agreed that Ellen should go to other committees and build support one by one. It would be possible to have a Durham TNS Committee Study Circle tailored to committee members. Julian offered to host on Tuesday night.

IWMAC TO DO LIST

- Write an advisory statement about our support of The Natural Step program
- Plan which town committees should be approached and in what order
- Think about the spring newsletter

8:40 am - UNH representation – Jenna will be taking a sabbatical from the committee. She told Chuck there is a solid waste committee at UNH and wondered if someone on that committee would be interested in being part of IWMAC. Chuck will talk with Tom Kelly and look into it.

8:45 am - 2009 meeting schedule appears fine and will allow us to resume our first Tuesday of the month schedule. Heather called for vote, Chuck seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

8:50 am - Julian moved that we recommend to the Town Administrator that they remove The Talking Phone Books that what were left on town property and that they don't drop these advertising books off on town property in the future. Neil called for the vote, Julian seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

9:00 am - Julian moved to adjourn, Matt seconded it and it was approved unanimously.