

**Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, April 07, 2009**  
**Durham Town Hall 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.**

In Attendance: Chuck Baldwin, Lisa Pfeiffer, Nell Neal, Neal Ferris, Kim Nadeau, Doug Bullen, and Matt Courtland.

7:35 – Chuck called the meeting to order.

7:35 - Kim handed each person several copies of *Down To Earth* so we will be able to give them to people around town who may not have received it because they are renting

7:39 – Chuck proposed that we skip the formality of approving the minutes because they are sent out each week for review. All agreed.

7:40 - Chuck welcomed Diana Carroll as the new Town Council representative, taking the place of Julian Smith. Diana said that she was on IWMAC many years ago and is happy to be back.

7:44 – Kim talked about Tomatoe, which was an intended misspelling. Nell suggested that we put something in the next newsletter explaining our intentions.

The Fall newsletter will be focused around a Natural Step article and we will only have one full page article. There are three Durham residents currently taking a Natural Step course, which happens to be led by two Durham residents. We would also like to look at what has happened with the single stream initiative at the high school since we reported on it in the spring *Down To Earth*.

Kim wants to get back to small articles so we can make a connection with people who are not interested in reading an entire full page article. Areas like “What new people want to know” could provide brief overviews of recycling and waste management topics. Another idea that we felt is important to educate residents about is that “Nothing every goes away,” a point that has been driven home to both Lisa and Neil during their trips to India where the country side is littered with plastic bags.

Neil formally congratulated Kim on completing the spring newsletter and wondered if our names should be in the news letter with Kim as the editor so we be asked questions. We discussed adding our names and the IWMAC email to the back of the newsletter as a solution everyone thought will work.

8:10 - Ellen and Nell went to the Energy Committee earlier this week to discuss The Natural Step program. They also set an agenda to meet with every committee before summer begins, culminating with presenting their ideas at a Town Council meeting. They will suggest that at least one person on each Durham committee take part in The Natural Step program that IWMAC is hosting this summer.

8:13 – Chuck began discussing our composting initiative by suggesting that we place a composter out near the tree in front of the Town Hall so people who drive by will see the display. Nell suggested that we put one outside of the DUMP with athe sign up list. Nell will talk with Chuck Cressie. Doug has an Earth Machine that we can use. Maybe we can put on in the Post Office as well and at the transfer station.

8:21 – Nell left for work and we confirmed that out next meeting with be May 5<sup>th</sup>

8:22 - Doug suggested that we speak with Aubachaun Hardware to see if they would give Durham residents a deal on composter they sell or if they would order the composters we are interested in sell them at the discounted rates to Durham residents. He explained that using a town credit card becomes complicated and thought we should find a better solution than having the town be part of the system.

Lisa suggested that we work with the garden club. Dennis Meadows is leading the charge on reviving community gardens. Doug suggested that we speak with him.

Lisa suggested that we have a composter at the May 8 – 9 Library Book Sale as well as at the Garden Club Sale in May. Dianna suggested that we get IWMAC members to be present during the sales so we can engage people and said it may be a tough sell in this economic times. Lisa will talk to the Friends of the Library about setting up a display and she, Kim, and Matt are willing to be available for an hour.

**Composting Initiative Decision:** We decided to create a flyer that shows all three options and how to contact IWMAC or go to \_\_\_\_\_ and get an Earth Machine.

8:59 – Neil asked what is the best way to get rid of dog poop. Doug said that dog poop is best bagged and put in trash because it cannot be composted and should not end up in the waste water system;

9:05 - UNH representation - Chuck spoke with Joyce Masecott at UNH, who is working on finding a person but no one has come forward. Chuck said that he would like to receive a point of contact and not require the representative to attend all IWMAC meetings.

9:11 - Exploring town clean up w/ DIWUL – May 11<sup>th</sup> is their cleanup schedule. Doug said we will have blue bags from Northeast Resource Recovery Association ready for the cleanup.

Adopt a spot was brought up and will be discussed at the next meeting.

9:15 - Swap Shop addition - Chuck and Doug will coordinate ground breaking sometime before June.

9:16 – We still have to schedule the Swap Shop BBQ for later this year.

9:17 – Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Matt and approved by all.