

**Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, May 05, 2009**  
**Durham Town Hall 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.**

In attendance: Chuck Baldwin, Lisa Pfeiffer, Nell Neal, Neal Ferris, Heather Harvey, and Matt Courtland.

7:30 – Meeting was called to order.

7:40 – Minutes were approved.

7:43 - Nell and Kim will go to the NRRA workshop on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> in Manchester. Heather may be able to attend the Tuesday session. Chuck will send out a reminder about the date registration closes.

7:45 –The numbers allowed on our are now seven plus an alternate. This is a slight decrease from nine with no alternate and was suggested to the Town Council by our committee because we did not seem to require nine full-time members. Our committee is full with seven members but we do need an alternate. Lisa Pfeiffer has been attending our meetings over the past few months and is interested in joining as the alternate. Chuck said that we can still get other non-committee members to help as needed when we have special events.

7:55 – 8:18 – Matt Courtland gave a waste per Durham resident presentation based on numbers he received from Doug Bullen and research he had done on-line. He found that waste per resident was on average 1.1 pounds between 2006 and 2008. This is considerably lower than the national average of 4.4 but it does not take into account the waste people dispose outside of their home. It was suggested that we remove people who live in neighborhoods within Durham that are not part of the town trash pickup. We believe that some of these residents bring their trash to the transfer station so removing people from the total will not necessarily provide us with more accurate numbers. In the end we agreed that no matter we do, we must be consistent. Nell wondered what will happen in 2009 as the economy slows down? Will we see decreases in cardboard recycling because people are not buying as much stuff?

There are some outstanding questions Matt will work to get answered before he reports back later this summer. Outstanding Question and Items to Consider: **Q** - Are the numbers we have from curbside pickup, the transfer station, or both? **A** – These figures include both. **Q** - Can we get annual population figures from the town hall? **A** – I emailed Lorrie Pitt, the tax clerk, and the latest figures she has are also from the 2004 census.

8:20 – Heather said that she has been told that the sustainability of the program is very important to the grant writing process. “Adopt-a-Spot” was cited as an example of a project with a sustaining aspect. Heather said we could approach the UNH Service Learning Department about offering this as an option for students.

Clean Sweep is an idea taken from Clemson University and involves some of the following as a way to clean up a town: Adopt-a-Spot, more trash cans, enforcing litter laws, and increased signage.

Heather's project plan involves developing a plan for cleaning up the town and then search for grants. After a cursory search, Heather says she thinks there several State of NH grants for which we can apply.

Diana suggested that we each thank people, students, and businesses for recycling and not littering, when we see them taking the time to throw items away. She also suggested we "certification" sticker that goes on business doors indicating that they recycle.

We have not acquired a UNH representative. Having a full committee means that the UNH rep would be a liaison instead of voting member.

Durham pays \$11,000 to have someone clean up five morning a week starting at 5:00 am. It is difficult because we have to keep educating the students because they keep changing. Chuck said he has been told the best way to approach town clean up issues is by talking with the fraternities/sororities. Neil suggested that incoming students are educated about keeping Durham clean. The recycling at UNH is great. Let's see if they can take the same interest/action they apply to recycling and apply it to keeping the town clean.

8:47 – We are aware of our need to complete the swap shop expansion project.

8:49 – Compost campaign – We have 16 orders. Chuck was approached by a local engineer who made his own rotating composter and would like to display it in the Town Hall. Lisa spoke with the head of the library about getting a spot to display during the book sale. The librarian told her that they receive many solicitations asking to be part of library events and Lisa said that it is not a problem to not have a display at the book sale.

The Garden Sale is this Saturday and Diana will ask people she knows at the Garden Club if we can setup a display. Chuck will create a "Compost It Note" for the Friday Updates that talks about composting and that it is not a lot of work.

Diana will be mailing a letter to all the people involved in the high school single stream project thanking them for taking this important step.

9:09 – An "El Zero" character was discussed as a mascot for a future zero waste campaign.

9:11 – We need to finalize when and where the swap shop volunteer BBQ will take place.

9:12 – Meeting adjourned.

