

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, August, 11 2009
Durham Town Hall 7:30 – 8:45a.m.

In Attendance: Kim Nadeau, Heather Harvey, Dianna Carroll, and Matt Courtland

7:40am - Newsletter Prep

Kim said we are going to have an “Up Stream Waste” theme based around information from The Natural Step that Ellen Karelitz and Nell have provided. Upstream waste defines all of the materials it takes to produce the items we consume. Many times the waste before the item gets to into our home or office is far greater than the waste created by the item at the end of its life cycle. By choosing to refuse, reuse, reduce, and recycle, we can decrease our up stream waste.

Other topics may include:

- Brush pickup on 11/1
- Bert Cohen, UNH professor, presented the basics of The Natural Step to town council
- UNH’s ranking as a sustainable university
- Kim will ask Nell to also provide some information about the single stream recycling facility she toured today with other representatives from Moharimet.
- Alternatives to common purchases.
 - K-Cups vs. Pods
 - Bottles of spices vs. bulk spices
 - Bottles water vs. reusable container
 - Styrofoam cups vs. reusable cups
 - Cheap goods vs. durable goods
- Recommended reading, videos, etc.
 - [The Story of Stuff](#)
 - [Earth 911](#)
- Moving boxes available at transfer station
- Summary from the Northeast Resource Recovery Association conference
- How to put your compost to bed
- Energy Committee will have a page
- Recycling will have two pages

Articles are due to Kim on 9/1.

8:12am - Review of 2010 Goals

We reviewed the current goals and added the following. The list will be discussed at our next meeting.

- Additional small electronics recycling at the transfer station.
- Recognition program for businesses that follow sustainable guidelines. We could create a sticker that would be displayed by participating businesses.
- Have members from a variety of Durham town committees attend the Durham Business Assn meetings.

8:17am- 2010 Budget

Chuck submitted the same budget he did last year.

8:20am – Durham Day

All in attendance said at this point they believe they are free to volunteer at Durham Day.

8:25am – IWMAC Accomplishments

Chuck is looking for a list of our committee's accomplishments this past year. Here is a start:

- Composter push
- Newsletter
- Swap Shop BBQ

8:30am – Sustainability at UNH

Diana talked about the UNH graduation at which Gary Hirschberg spoke. [His speech is on line.](#) UNH used last year's programs to make napkin rings. Diana attended another meeting at UNH in which an elaborate, three tiered water urn was used with real glasses for the 200 people in attendance. Heather said that UNH is using sustainable materials at their events, has a BBQ for the community, and that they also have a growing community service arm.

We all agreed that we should ask the University Office of Sustainability (UOS) to keep us in the loop on what they are doing and let them know that we can be advocates of them within Durham. Matt will contact Sara Cleaves, Associate Director of UOS, and discuss developing this connection.

8:37 – Meeting Adjourned