

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, September 8, 2009
Durham Town Hall 7:30 – 9:00a.m.

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

7:40am – Single Stream through NRRA

The sign up date for the single stream opportunity promoted by NRRA has been extended but this is still not a reasonable option for Durham because the sorting facility will be in Concord and the facility has not been built yet.

7:45am – Lisa

Heather has not heard from Lisa and wondered if any of us had been in contact with her. None of us had so Heather will email her directly to see if she is still interested in joining us.

7:48am - Minutes

All outstanding minutes were approved.

7:50am – Newsletter Prep

Things look good for the fall newsletter. The Natural Step article will be the main focus of the newsletter and the quotes from residents will be placed throughout. Doug said he can get hard core numbers for single stream at the schools because single stream was just OK'd at the other schools because it saved money at Moharimet. Doug believes that the town still pays a little but the benefit for the town and Public Works makes it worthwhile. Kim will send the newsletter out next week for us to review.

Diana showed us an example of the Portsmouth "Green Newsletter" and we all agreed that the color photos really added a lot to the overall presentation. Kim will ask the printer about printing parts of our newsletter in color. Doug said Public Works pays for the newsletter and, depending on cost, he thinks adding some color is a good idea.

We discussed if we have to mail our newsletter. In Portsmouth they simply leave copies at the town hall and other public buildings. We all agreed that Durham residents don't walk around downtown Durham as much as Portsmouth residents probably do and so we still feel it necessary to mail the newsletter. Kim already drops extra copies off at the town hall and gives some to several landlords she knows. She will also give a few newsletters to each of the four churches this time around.

8:10 am – 2010 Goal Prioritizing

After numerically ranking the items below, we decided that many of them carry a similar degree of importance. This led us to create two broad categories, Top Priority and Important, into which all goals now fall. During the review process, we removed four items from our goals completely.

Goals
Top Priority
Down To Earth newsletter
Incorporating The Natural Step throughout the town of Durham. Diana will draft IWMAC's official statement.
Education outreach including, town displays, Durham Day, zero waste, moving boxes available at transfer station, and web site
Single stream, recycling#3-7 plastics
Important
Swap shop addition. We need a committee member to be in charge of this initiative.
Quantify our waste per capita and track trends.
Clean Sweep campaign, including adopt-a-spot, community service, periodic town clean up, extra trash barrels, and recognition of town business support
Include more recycling at Transfer Station, such as cds, dvds, shoes. Heather will look into it.
Market swap shop to UNH students + annual purge.
Removed From Goals
Transfer station open more often or longer removed
PAYT
Separating aluminum
Styrofoam recycling machine

Several follow up items were noted around next year's goals.

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Market swap shop to UNH students + annual purge. – Diana will look at working with Renew, an existing program at UNH, to see what we can do with them.

8:45 – Quick Updates

Durham Day – September 20 – Matt and Kim will be available for the first few hours to help setup.

1. Setup and who has bottles? Kim has them.
2. Sign from Chuck. Kim will get these from Chuck.
3. What kind of game? Toss into recycling bin. Doug can get us clean recycling bins.
Matt has a clean composter.
4. Displays. Kim will get these from Chuck.

Swap Shop Addition – The permit is over a year old but Doug says it shouldn't be a problem to get it renewed. The project was started by a former resident who has since moved out of Durham. All agreed we need someone to assume leadership.

9:04am - Meeting Adjourned