

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

In Attendance: Chuck Baldwin, Doug Bullen, Dianna Carroll, Nell Neal, Kim Nadeau, Neal Ferris, Lisa Pfeiffer

Meeting was called to order at 7:35.

Discussion:

Town Council decided to cut the hazardous waste disposal program for the upcoming year. Neal Ferris motioned and Nell Neal seconded that the committee send a representative to the next council meeting to urge them to reinstate the program. Neal Ferris to attend the December 21st meeting and present the arguments for reinstatement that were discussed in the IWMAC meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

September 9th minutes were not approved because not enough committee members that were present at the September meeting were at this meeting. November minutes were approved.

Meeting Times for 2010:

Thursdays at 7:00 pm is the suggested change for IWMAC meetings. This is still up for discussion. January 12th at 7:30 am is the next scheduled meeting date.

Public Input:

Community member, Catherine Leach, who had also sent an email regarding the Public Works and IWMAC newsletter attended this meeting and offered the following suggestions and comments: the newsletter should be separate from the town (DPW) and that it seems as though the newsletter has lost its focus, bigger ideas should be shared through a town council rep not through the newsletter.

Wrap-up of Newsletter:

Kim Nadeau spoke about her work on the newsletter over the past year...what she had learned, the changes that were made, and her recommendations for the future editions. Summary of her comments: DPW pays for newsletter, IWMAC pays \$349 to have it folded, stamped and mailed. Focus needs to be defined. Shorter information articles vs. lengthy articles, for more info – go to website, “news you can use”.

Other committee comments and suggestions: Include an outside review of the newsletter. Have Mike Lynch from DPW see it before it goes out. It should not be censored, IWMAC’s division from DPW should be clarified, the newsletter needs to be more succinct

Todd Selig’s suggestion was “a clear intent for the content” and possibly an impartial community review.

Follow-up:

Regarding the response to the community members that sent emails about the newsletter, a blanket letter will not be sent because there has been direct contact and conversation with three of the four writers.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05.