

**IWMAC Meeting Minutes**  
**Durham Town Hall**  
**April 11, 2019**  
**7am**

**Attendees:** Carden Walsh, Mary Caulfield, Julie Kelley, Astrid Wolf-O'Hern, Carina Dolcino, Doug Bullen, Al Howland

**Public Comments:** none

**Approval of agenda**

**Approval of March minutes**

**Updates:**

School board: Al spoke about getting sustainability in the new strategic plan.

Planning board: Solar ordinances are going to the Town Council for approval. It's a compromise so nobody is happy.

Public works: Recycling is going better but overall folks are transitioning back to separated recycling. We have a compost container at the transfer center.

Recycle rates have stabilized.

Currently:

\$100/ton pay single stream

\$135/ton we pay for paper

\$77/ton we pay for landfill.

New Waste Management contract will happen in 2020.

State House: plastic bag and straw ban bills will be heading to the Senate. OR students will be going to Concord to testify the last week of April.

**PAYT:** Nell met with Todd this past week. He thinks community meetings are a good idea and that Public Works should send postcards to every house in Durham. Mid may, early June and September. If held at Town Hall it could be taped. Perhaps students can be involved in the presentation. Al will check out school options. Committee feels that only Town personnel and community members will present.

Content: Nell will open with introduction of the committee. All will lead off with seismic shift in world-wide recycling. How do we as a community balance environmental and financial needs. Look at waste as a utility. Being good stewards is not free...and that's how we introduce PAYT.

Explain potential to make money that would be applied the following year. The next step after PAYT is composting which reduces methane gas production.

Respectful submitted by Carina Dolcino