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Integrated Waste Management
Advisory Committee Agenda
November 14, 2019
7:00 AM
Durham Town Hall

Attendees: Nell Neal, Todd Selig, Andrew Corrow, Al Howland, Doug Bullen, Carden Walsh, Sally Needell, Julie Kelley, Mary Caulfield, Carina Dolcino

1. Welcome
2. Public Comments: Andrew says as controversial as the PATY issue is we should televise IWMAC meetings.
3. Approval of agenda
4. Approval of October minutes
5. Updates:
 - Planning board: the latest iteration of the Mill Plaza is coming up for review.
 - Sustainability Committee: Working to contact representatives from other committees (Agricultural, Energy and IWMAC) committees to share and leverage sustainability efforts.
6. Continued PAYT discussion
 - Council communication: Al has been working on a document outlining what the IWMAC has done to inform citizens (info sessions, public hearing, information including State of NH government report hierarchy of how communities should manage waste) and specific financials if given various choices, including things staying the same or going to PAYT. Composting has not been added to the calculations. This document will be in the council packet, attached to the council meeting, and posted on the Celebrate Durham website. Ultimately, we should look at how we manage our waste, and move toward a more equitable system. Composting is going to be a part of the solution as well...much more discussion and research needs to be done before any decisions on that front.
 - Todd brought up citizens' requests to have PAYT on the March ballot. There are no requirements to have a referendum on PAYT. The Council will have all the information to make reasoned decisions. Information in the Friday updates, mailed flyers, letters to the editor, articles in Fosters, as well as the Council meetings and posting of information, will educate and keep the public informed. Sharing data with the community and televising future meetings will be helpful in dispelling the misconception that IWMAC is not being clear and transparent.
 - The committee discussed the continued reduced prices for glass and mixed paper recycling. It was agreed that we should look into sending mixed paper to the Wheelabrator Incinerator near Concord to generate energy.
 - There was continued conversation regarding PAYT. We made note that the swap shop and the transfer station will need to be managed differently if PAYT is adopted. Durham would be able to customize/design a PAYT program regarding cost of the bags and where the funds are allocated. The Council will continue to discuss this topic at the next meeting November 18. IWMAC will look to the Council for next steps.
9. Meeting adjourned: 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Carina Dolcino