

IWMAC Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
Town Council Chambers, Durham Town Hall
February 16, 2022, 8 am

In attendance: Nell Neal, Sally Needell, Richard Reine, Sam Hewitt, Al Howland, Susan Richman, Julie Kelley, Naomi Kornhauser, and Liliana Vornehm, a UNH planning student joining us to observe.

Minutes for 2/2 meeting were approved with one addition: We want the Story Map to include a statement of purpose.

Council update: The 36-acre Pike Property is being put into conservation by SELT.

Planning Board update

- A small portion of the Pike Property will be developed.
- A project is being reviewed to create a year-round food truck court behind the old town hall, including indoor eating areas and bakery.
- Discussion continued of Mill Plaza, 74 Main St., and Main St. parking lot.
- Jim Lawson presented Solar Ordinance
- Richard Kelley suggests adding IWMAC concerns to Energy Committee checklist for new developments.

DPW update

- Two new rollofts added at Transfer Station
- Effort is being made to limit electioneering at Transfer Station to small area.

Discussion of what to include in FAQ section of Story Map

- Include link to Waste Management searchable site about what is recyclable.
- Possibly include pictures of recycle “puzzlers,” confusing situations such as thin plastic labels on heavier plastic bottles.
- Why do markets/rules keep changing? Doesn’t everything get thrown in the landfill anyway? Explain that recycling is a commodity driven market.
- What products require stickers and where do you get them?
- What qualifies as bulky waste?
- Why compost? Approx. what percentage of our solid waste could be diverted as compost? (Julie can supply numbers from compost challenge.)
- How to use Ecosmith, Salvation Army, and Discover Books bins
- How to make effective use of both curbside trash/recycling and Transfer Station
- How to get new recycle bins
- What kind of trash containers are best?

- If a plastic item has a recycle symbol, can it always be recycled?
- What large plastic items are/are not handled by Waste Management
- Explain the 5 Rs: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Rot.

We discussed the possibility of scheduling collection of products that Waste Management doesn't handle, such as Styrofoam (after Christmas) and flowerpots (in summer). Would need volunteer help. Recruit high school students in Sustainability Club?

Naomi asked what is the best way to respond to group emails. The consensus was to stick with "Reply All" except for very brief notes not requiring a response.

Rich reported that DPW will probably do curbside bulky waste pickup this spring because of its popularity in community. We discussed possibly phasing it out in future.

Sally expects to set Swap Shop opening date soon.

Items for next meeting on March 3:

- Should our education campaign focus on recycling or have broader focus?
- NRRA presentation by person who spearheaded the recycle campaign in Goffstown.

Minutes submitted by Naomi Kornhauser.