

IWMAC Meeting Minutes
5 Garden Street
October 12, 2022, 8 am

In attendance: Nell Neal, Julie Kelley, Susan Richman, Sally Needell, Al Howland, Carden Welsh, Barbara Dill, Sam Hewitt, and Naomi Kornhauser.

DPW Update: Sam reported that in August we were paying more for recycling, including mixed paper, than for solid waste. Carden asked if Waste Management is recycling paper or disposing of it with solid waste. Sam will ask operators to check on this. Al commented that this is all the more reason to focus on composting.

Report from subcommittee on Erin Hale project: The subcommittee has not met with Erin yet. Susan shared information gathered on sustainability behaviors in other NH high schools, e.g. Hanover HS does “trash on lawn” every 4 years. Nell said that when Green Team leaders were at OR Schools, composting increased.

Timeline Updates:

Nell spoke with Doug Clark about poles to hang banner. He doesn't know yet when the poles will come down.

Nell has called Ray LaRoche but has not yet set up meeting about composting.

Sally spoke with Todd about adapting the town seal for our sustainability logo. He would like the official seal to appear along with any sustainability graphics.

Sally spoke with Todd about composting in town buildings. He said there is a concern among employees about smell. We discussed doing a pilot program to compost in the six town buildings. Al noted that if we are successful composting in town offices, we can publicize it to educate Durham residents. Carden asked if it was possible to have compost bins at town sites rather than having it picked up.

Naomi reported on her and Barbara's ideas about developing a sustainability logo. They recommend designing a logo using the simplified town seal that was stamped on DPW logos and asking UNH Sustainability student Kennedy McGrath to submit designs. (Kennedy is a UNH Sustainability student who has donated her graphic expertise for projects with Susan Richman.) A lengthy conversation followed about whether logos or symbols are needed for each of the town committees that work on sustainability issues. We decided to ask Kennedy to design one logo as a symbol for all town sustainability efforts, and also to ask her for to submit ideas about how to include symbols for the committees in designs for banner and other materials.

The next IWMAC meeting will be on Wednesday October 19 at 5 Garden Lane.

Minutes submitted by Naomi Kornhauser