

IWMAC Meeting Minutes
Durham Town Hall Council Chambers
April 19, 2023, 8am

Attendees: Nell Neal, Sam Hewitt, Sally Needell, Naomi Kornhauser, Susan Richman, Mary Caulfield; **Absent:** Carden Welsh, Rich Reine, Julie Kelley, Al Howland

Welcome – Nell

Approval of agenda

April 5, 2023, minutes approved

Planning Board Update – A presentation was given on the Route 4/Madbury Rd project.

DPW Update:

Compost bin sale – Currently 12 Bins have been sold. The Pembroke NH Recycling Committee was in touch suggesting combining orders as 20 total orders are needed for a pallet delivery. At the time, Pembroke had received 4 compost bin orders.

Spring Bulky Waste Cleanup - This starts on Monday, May 1st. The DPW trucks are changing attachment equipment to prepare for the bulky pickup. Discussion continued about future Durham Bulky Waste Cleanups. Sam shared data. In 2021 (covid) with no curbside bulky pickup, 110 tons of trash was brought to the transfer station. Compared to 2022, when 178 tons of bulky waste was collected on the curb. Sam noted that if residents instead brought the 178 tons of curbside bulky pickup to reusable outlets the annual diversion rate would have increased by 3% to 4%.

DYK (1) – Mary will be in touch with Julie for perhaps writing a DYK about what is accepted for pickup curbside during Bulky Waste Cleanup. This information is online in the DPW Newsletter about bulky waste.

DYK (2) - Sally will be putting together a DYK about “wish cycling” as she is seeing a lot of random stuff coming into the swap shop.

Finalize Earth Day activities:

1. Schedule - set up (9:30). Several members will be present all day, some for part of the day. Sam has volunteers coming during the 11-12 time for trash pickup.

2. Set up – 4 Tables will be there for IWMAC use, Sally will bring 4 chairs. Sandwich boards coming, DPW will bring event recycling/composting bin/bag rack. Committee members bring along examples to use for displays. Nell encouraged bringing weights to hold items in the breeze.

3. Activities - Susan clarified what she will bring for the kids’ activities.

4. Other - Nell talked about progress with stickers. Susan suggested taking pictures of the event. Durham Day - June 3rd. It is thought that we will also have our display tables at this event too.

Other:

Susan spoke about coordinating with Dover to learn more about small business promotion of recycling/composting practices. Mary suggested coordinating with Durham Small Business Association for sharing sustainable practices. Nell shared that Rich Reiner is excited about further research of town composting.

Next steps:

A Small Business Initiative - Focus of how IWMAC can helping Durham Businesses inform the public about their sustainable practices.

Next meeting: May 1, 2023

Agenda:

Discuss summer scheduling and what IWMAC would like to accomplish this summer/Fall. Sally suggested keeping the momentum going this summer by talking to businesses.

Budget - We should tally up YTD 2023 expenses.

Nell will be away May thru mid-June.

Adjourned 9:45am