

IWMAC Meeting Minutes - Draft
Durham Town Hall, 2nd floor Conference Room
May 3, 2023, 8am

In attendance: Nell Neal, Susan Richman, Julie Kelley, Carden Welsh, Naomi Kornhauser, and Mary Caulfield

Agenda approved. Minutes from last meeting approved.

Council Update. Carden reported that the council has been discussing improvements to the waste water treatment plant and revising town goals. We discussed the problem with Epping sewage treatment, which often prevents Durham from using water from Lamprey.

Planning Board Update: We no longer have a Planning Board rep on committee.

DPW Update. Sam was not in attendance, but Nell reported that we now have 19 orders for compost bins, so we can order a full palette. Next year we intend to provide residents with more information prior to Bulky Waste Pickup about places to take bulky waste, especially furniture, where it can be used,

Durham Day Plans

- Who will help with IWMAC booth? Sally and Susan plan to be there all day. Mary, Naomi, and Julie can be there part of the day. Carden and Nell will be unable to attend. Carden will ask Al Howland if he can help provide composting information.
- Do we need another meeting before Durham Day? We tentatively scheduled a meeting for May 17. Mary will ask Sally if she thinks it is necessary and will also reserve room if needed.

IWMAC Budget

- \$1500 microgrant that Susan secured must be used by July. Susan will confirm the terms of the grant, specifically whether we have to spend it exactly as submitted in a tentative budget. Carden will ask Gail Jablonsky if the money we have already spent on printing can be transferred to the grant.
- Nell suggested using grant money to print aluminum signs with NRRA messages that can be used on a rotating basis. She got a quote from Portsmouth Sign of \$300 for 10 aluminum signs. Naomi will suggest 4 different messages and designs, either taken or adapted from the NRRA site, to recommend at June 7 meeting.
- Naomi will order 200 more round stickers, also to be charged to grant. For now, we will save stickers to hand out on Durham Day.
- Naomi will distribute bookmarks, Recycle Right leaflets, and Composting leaflets at Town Hall, Library, and Public Works.

Mary announced that she will be taking a break from the committee. We will miss you, Mary!

Idea for future focus: Susan suggested ways to work with local restaurants to reduce waste, especially plastics.

- Provide “Skip the Stuff” signs.
- Provide information about good sources for compostable products.
- Encourage dialogue and take encouraging rather than punitive approach.
- Consider Surfrider Foundation information distributed by Susan.

The next regular meeting – not counting a possible Durham Day meeting – will be on June 7