

IWMAC Meeting Minutes - Final
5 Garden Lane, Durham
July 12, 2023, 8am

In attendance: Heather Grant, Julie Kelley, Nell Neal, Sally Needell, Susan Richman, Naomi Kornhauser, and guest Elise Sullivan.

Agenda and minutes approved.

Nell announced that Mike Pazdon will be joining committee.

Town Council Report. Council is currently scheduling committee updates.

Planning Board Report by Heather.

- Tideline Public House is requesting more kiosks, including one for bike repair.
- PB is discussing updating zoning to allow pocket neighborhoods similar to tiny house development planned in Dover.
- Our committee recommends that site plan regulations be amended to be more explicit about recycling, composting, and vehicle access to both.

DPW Report.

- Sam wrote Nell that previous Saturday had record 812 customers at Transfer Station! Typical Saturday has approximately 500 customers.
- IWMAC member received resident complaint about incorrect recycling information being given by a Transfer Station attendant. We agreed that DYKs would be a good forum to debunk rumors that plastics cannot be recycled.

Composting at Tideline. Scott Letourneau told Sally that compost bins have been too contaminated to be effectively composted. Some recommendations to pass on to Scott:

- Use better signage, including pictures, on bins and trucks.
- Talk to other businesses who are composting successfully

Continued discussion of composting.

- After Sustainable September planning is complete we will consider gathering information from businesses about successful composting and recycling practices.
- Susan reported on funding opportunities for composting.
- City Composting in Gardner MA is interested in discussing composting in Durham. Susan will try to arrange a zoom meeting with them.
- Anton Beckerman on the Agriculture Committee is involved in UNH composting and could be a good resource.

Report on signs and banners.

- Design for yard signs is being finalized with Portsmouth Sign Company.
- We will see if Portsmouth Sign can provide a Sustainable Durham banner with changeable panels.

Plans for Sustainable September at Durham Public Library.

- Susan provided spreadsheet of tasks leading up to SS.
- Sheryl Bass and Audra Lewis are library contacts.
- Nell will bring more bookmarks and brochures to library.
- Elise volunteered to create display of “This not That” for library foyer.
- Durham panel could include Holly of Emery Farm and possibly other restaurants or businesses.
- For a preview of presentation from NH Healthcare Workers about plastics, go to newhampshirenetwork.org/events, “Unwrap the Future.”
- Look into Repair activity (Repair Café?) for January.
- Susan will ask if library is planning a visual to advertise Sustainable September.

Tabling opportunities.

- Durham Farmer’s Market allows nonprofit tables. Susan volunteered to staff table. Naomi will find out how to apply for a spot.
- Emery Farm is planning sustainability fair on August 17. We can have a table there.

Next meeting will be on July 26, specifically to address planning for Sustainable September, including publicity and banner.