

IWMAC Meeting Minutes – Final

Durham Town Hall 2nd floor conference room

November 1, 2023, 8am

In attendance: Carden Welsh, Heather Grant, Julie Kelley, Mike Pazdon, Naomi Kornhauser, Nell Neal, Sally Needell, Sam Hewitt, and Susan Richman.

Agenda and minutes approved.

Town Council Update by Carden. Council is working on budget. IWMAC needs to provide Annual Report by December 8. Mike volunteered to write a draft of the report.

Planning Board Update by Heather. Board is considering plans for daycare at Harmony Homes and Community Center on Route 108 across from Police Department.

DPW Update

- Sam reported that Solid Waste Division is now fully staffed with hire of Scott Leduc. Mixed paper is currently more valuable than comingled recyclables. Curbside pickup of brush and leaves starts Nov. 6.
- How can we incentivize recycling by Durham businesses? Sam said we can encourage but not require it. This could be a new IWMAC initiative. DPW can provide a list of sites that recycle.
- IWMAC will help with public education when it is time to present curbside pickup changes.

Programming and Initiatives

- We discussed looking into changing Friday Updates so it is not necessary to scroll through all of the town business to reach DYKs and other program information. Nell will discuss this with Todd.
- Mike suggested that IWMAC officially endorse the new DPW curbside pickup plan. He composed a draft “on the spot” which we reviewed and approved with minor revisions.
- The DPL composting program drew an audience of 20 people, including Ashley, the new rep from Mr. Fox.
- *Kiss the Ground* is being shown Nov. 6 at ORMS and organizers welcome IWMAC presence. Susan will bring posters, Nell will bring brochures and stickers, and Julie and Naomi will also attend.
- Climate Health talk is happening October 15 at DPL and is being publicized by library.
- ORHS Project Graduation is requesting used clothing and household items as part of Savers FUNDrive program. Sally will suggest that they schedule a special pickup at the Swap Shop.
- Nell and Julie spoke with Rachel Deane about giving packets of our printed information to residents when they register their cars. Susan will ask Rachel how many we would

need, and Naomi will check on price of larger print runs for brochure. We will discuss this in more detail at our next meeting.

- Julie met with Erin Hale and student, Sadie, about an individual study project next semester, finding ways to spread our messaging to younger people on social media.
- Mike will look into grants for this study project as well as for engineering research at UNH related to recycling.
- Julie, Naomi, and Nell will meet to plan a new compost challenge.

We adjourned at 10 am, planning to meet next on November 15 at 8 am.