

IWMAC Meeting Minutes – Final
Durham Town Hall 2nd floor conference room
November 15, 2023, 8am

In attendance: Heather Grant, Julie Kelley, Naomi Kornhauser, Nell Neal, Richard Reine, Sally Needell, and Susan Richman.

Agenda approved. November 1 minutes approved with correction of one typo.

DPW Update. Rich reported that the department has presented 2024 budget to council and is working on transition to EV vehicles.

Bulky Waste - Proposal to eliminate curbside collection. So far, Todd has received objections from only approximately 6 people. Sally presented draft of IWMAC endorsement of proposal. We discussed and edited her work. She will circulate edited version via email.

Sustainability efforts at ORHS. Julie reported that she has been working with the Athletic Director and Food Service Director to make HS events more sustainable, but with limited success. She plans to ask for support from the school board.

Electric tool lending library. Nell learned that Portland Maine has such a program and will investigate.

Distribution of composting and recycling brochures.

- Rachel Deane learned that we can mail both brochures with motor vehicle renewal notices. Her department mails approximately 150/month; the rest are sent by email.
- Naomi got an estimate from UNH Printing for larger quantities. The cost of 2000 copies is \$527.46. We voted to allocate funds to print 2000 of each brochure in early 2024. Until then, we can mail out the brochures on hand. We will consider making minor revisions before reprinting.

DPL Programs. Library is presenting film *Microplastic Madness* on November 28. Susan will send notices to appropriate email lists (such as Durham United) and Julie will put in school notices.

Composting Challenge. We discussed various ways to design another composting program and decided to present it as a *Winter Composting Opportunity* without requirement to weigh compost and trash. (Another possible slogan: *Demystifying Compost.*) When DPW redesigns the transfer station layout, we could link composting drive to an event, *Get to Know your Transfer Station.* We agreed to discuss winter program at next meeting.

Next IWMAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 6 at 8 am.

Minutes submitted by Naomi.

