

**IWMAC Meeting Minutes – Final
Durham Town Hall Council Chambers
January 17, 8am**

In attendance: Julie Kelley, Naomi Kornhauser, Mike Pazdon, Nell Neal, Sally Needell, and Susan Richman

Minutes approved for 11/15/23 and 1/3/24 meetings.

Town Council Update by Sally.

- Reports given by outgoing ORCSD Superintendant Morse and Energy Commission.
- Durham switching to Community Power by April. Town will hold informational meetings.
- Sally will check with UNH student representative about who to contact at UNH regarding community service (in lieu of old UNH “bulletin board”).

Alternative Bulky Waste Disposal. Sally has compiled a comprehensive list of places that will take bulky waste. Julie will supply link to list in this week’s DYK. It will also be on Swap Shop website. Paper copies could be put at library and DPW.

Capstone Project. Julie will be mentoring 4 UNH students, including Tess. Purpose is to use social media to raise awareness of sustainability issues among target population of busy families and working adults. She has asked ORCSD Sustainability Committees if they would like to participate, but no response yet. Suggestions were made to reach out to art teachers, to use kids’ artwork, and to use testimonials.

Reduce, Reuse, Repair. Goal is to present a panel or fair of businesses and individuals involved in reuse and repair, either at library or at school community dinner. Could include local businesses and individual Makers. All committee members are asked to put together a list of possible participants by our next meeting. Email ideas to Naomi who will combine them into one list.

Plastic Bag Recycling. Before encouraging people to bring bags to Hannaford, we would like to have more confidence that the bags are being successfully recycled (by Trex). Mike will talk with people at Hannaford to clarify what they are doing and to suggest better signage/instructions at plastic drop-off bin.

Brochure revisions. Mike will create rough layout illustrating his suggested. Nell will clarify with Pete at Waste Management the best way to handle both plastic and metal lids.

Miscellaneous

- Julie has joined Oyster River Reads. They are planning a “Podchat” at the library on April 13, 10:30-11:30, on the subject of Climate Injustice.

- Julie is stepping back from her role coordinating the Sustainability Scholarships at ORHS and is looking for someone to take over. Process of raising funds and choosing scholarship recipients takes place March-June. Program has existed for 14 years.
- Susan will share information about opportunities to participate in meetings about New Hampshire's Climate Action Plan.
- Naomi mentioned the organization Third Act's campaign to get people to choose banks and credit cards that are not heavily invested in fossil fuels. She will email information for those interested.
- Mike will share information on EPA grants that we might apply for.

Meeting adjourned with intention to meet again on February 7.