

IWMAC Meeting Minutes
Durham Town Hall, 2nd floor conference room
February 21, 2024, 8am

In attendance: Carden Welsh, Heather Grant, Janet Perkins-Howland, Julie Kelley, Mike Pazdon, Naomi Kornhauser, Nell Neal, Sally Needell, Sam Hewitt, Susan Richman, and guests Maria Jacques and Edyn Winter.

Agenda approved. Brochure will be discussed at next meeting.

Minutes approved for 2/7 meeting

Town Council Update by Carden. Todd Selig's contract has been extended through 2030.

Planning Board Update by Heather. PB is discussing zoning changes for workforce housing.

DPW Update by Sam.

- Working on new language for Solid Waste Ordinance. Sam will provide document to committee members in about 2 weeks. We will need a meeting dedicated to discussing the revised ordinance.
- Preparing to accept EV grant for truck, to be approved by town council.
- Researching manufacturers for new toters and compactors. Susan suggested asking about solar-powered compactors.
- Researching energy requirements at Transfer Station for the EV charger and compactors.
- Will consider sending someone from DPW to compost training workshop offered by NRRA.

Capstone Project. Julie introduced Maria Jacques and Edyn Winter, both Management and Sustainability majors at UNH. They explained their plan to supplement our education campaign through social media.

- Create Instagram account to reach a younger population.
- Create educational content about IWMAC to post on Instagram.
- Research how other towns and nonprofits use social media.
- Focus on composting and limiting single use plastics.
- Possibly include testimonials by residents of different ages.
- Susan suggested highlighting restaurants and stores that use sustainable practices.
- Nell suggested they contact Susan Scharff, who is doing similar project through the Freedom Café.

Possible future project – Susan suggested providing free reusable bags at stores.

Repair Program. Nell suggested library program featuring 40-minute documentary, *The Last Repair Shop*, and possibly providing list of local sources for repair. Nell, Susan, Sally, and Naomi will meet as subcommittee to plan program.

Review of IWMAC presence on Durham website by Mike. Mike projected relevant pages from website and discussed possible revisions. He is able to make changes himself (rather than through Craig Stevens). Instead of presenting entire revision at once, Mike will present changes in chunks for approval by committee.

Composting. Nell suggested that we shift our focus from recycling to composting. The committee approved of this shift. Susan reminded us of the idea of talking to businesses about where they are with composting and recycling.

NRRA Conference scheduled for June. Nell asked that members consider attending.

Next meeting scheduled for March 6.

Minutes submitted by Naomi.