

IWMAC Meeting Minutes – Final
Durham Town Hall, 2nd floor conference room
March 20, 2024, 8am

In attendance: Janet Perkins-Howland, Julie Kelley, Mike Pazdon, Naomi Kornhauser, Nell Neal, Sally Needell, Sam Hewitt, Susan Richman, and guests Cynthia Watkins and Torin.

Welcome to guests. James Bubar will be new Town Council Rep. Planning Board rep to be decided.

Agenda approved

Minutes approved for 2/21 meeting

DPW Update by Sam.

- Council approved grant to purchase electric vehicle and scheduled public hearing.
- Applying for DES permit for changes at Transfer Station, including new signage and Swap Shop parking.
- New language for Solid Waste Ordinance is almost ready to share with committee. We will schedule a meeting dedicated to discussing the revised ordinance.
- Have gotten some inquiries about change to bulky waste policy. Announcement of change appeared in Friday Updates. Town offering free coupon for one truckload of bulky waste per address. Considering allowing residents without trucks to bring several carloads in one day.
- Susan asked Sam to look into photovoltaic chargers on compactors and a TS sign on Route 108.
- Sally suggested putting notice in Friday Updates telling residents not to purchase new toters since town will soon supply them. Old toters would be useful at Swap Shop or could probably be given away elsewhere. If we purchase from Toter, they will recycle old containers. Julie asked if the new toters will be made in part from any recycled materials. Sam will check.

Capstone Project Update by Julie. Students are:

- Creating Instagram account to reach a younger population.
- Focusing on composting and limiting single use plastics.
- Researching how other towns and nonprofits use social media.
- Producing short testimonials.
- Presenting finished project at UNH on Wednesday afternoon April 24. Julie will be away but other committee members are encouraged to attend.

Other Capstone Projects.

- Student doing project at Freedom Café met with Nell, Sally, and Janet. Her project highlights businesses with sustainable practices.
- Student doing Marine Debris project will interview Nell on Thursday at 4:00.

Website Improvements by Mike.

- Revising *About Us* page; adding current members. Will add new TC and PB reps.
- Will highlight Swap Shop better
- Will provide link to Friday Updates for DYKs.
- Will update *Sustainable Durham* page. Sally and Naomi suggested that this page should be revised in a way that will remain accurate with very infrequent updates, since no specific committee or person is responsible for it.
- Mike will email mockups of suggested changes. We will devote a large portion of a meeting to discuss them.

Brochure. Rather than reprint or revise current *Recycle Right* brochure, we will work on a printed piece emphasizing reducing plastic use along with recycling. Naomi would be able to work on this in June.

Other Announcements

- Swap Shop is opening April 6.
- No town Earth Day planned for this year. Energy Committee may participate in other events (e.g. at OR Schools).
- Community Dinner at High School on Thursday April 11. Janet and Sally might be able to table there.
- Nell, Sally, Susan, and Naomi will meet this Friday to discuss Repair event at library.
- Nell and Naomi will attend NRRA composting workshop April 17.

Upcoming meetings. Next meeting is on April 3. We will skip April 17 because not enough members can attend. The following meeting will be on May 1.

- Capstone students had hoped to present to us on April 17. Julie will see if they can come April 3 or May 1 instead.
- One of these meetings will be devoted in part to the website revisions.

Minutes submitted by Naomi.