

IWMAC Meeting Minutes – Draft
Durham Town Hall, 2nd floor conference room
April 3, 2024, 8am

In attendance: James Bubar, Janet Perkins-Howland, Julie Kelley, Mike Pazdon, Naomi Kornhauser, Nell Neal, Sally Needell, Susan Richman, and guest Darrell Ford.

Welcome to new member, James Bubar, Town Council Rep, and to visitor Darrell Ford, Town Councilor. Planning Board rep still to be assigned.

Agenda approved

Minutes. Approval of March 20 draft minutes postponed to next meeting.

NRRA Conference June 3-4. Member's rate available until April 9. Janet and Naomi and Susan will consider after checking their calendars.

DPW Update postponed – Sam busy with storm-related work.

Capstone Project Update by Julie.

- Students will make presentation to committee at May 1 meeting. We are also welcome to attend UNH presentation at MUB, April 24, 3:55-4:10.
- Students doing two other Capstone Projects, about plastic reduction and marine pollution, have reached out to Nell.
- Erin Hale is our link to UNH students interested in Capstone Projects.
- Nell shared draft of letter from Suzanne Scharff to Durham businesses regarding reduced use of plastics. Consensus of committee was that language should be more supportive (e.g. drop the word “ethical”) and emphasize desire to help businesses be more sustainable. Also, survey should take no more than 10-15 minutes.

Community Dinner April 11, 5-6:30, at ORHS

- Janet will bring posters from Town Hall lobby
- Janet and Nell will set up table around 4:30
- Naomi will provide kitchen compost bin; Nell will bring remaining leaflets.

Single-use Plastics. Janet presented ideas to do contest akin to the compost challenge to encouraged reduction of single-use plastics. Susan and Julie are interested in working with Janet on subcommittee. Ideas discussed included:

- Raffle or Bingo
- Giving out reusable bags at Hannaford
- Asking Hannaford to give paper bags as default and to have cashiers ask “Did you bring your bag today?”

Composting update.

- Nell suggested we define our goals more clearly.
- Sally contacted City Compost of Gardner, MA and will schedule a discussion with them. Nell and James would like to take part.
- Sally reminded us that around 2020 she contacted companies about handling composting for Durham. Mr. Fox said Durham was too big; Agricycle said Durham was too small! It might be worth asking again.

Repair Program.

- We agreed to schedule it for the fall.
- It is unclear whether we will have to pay for film, “The Last Repair Shop.”
- List of repair sources still to be refined.
- James asked about the library providing tools, seeds, walkers. Mike said American Legion of Newmarket has hospital equipment to loan.

Website Revisions. Mike’s proposed revisions were met with great enthusiasm. Suggestions included:

- Change “FAQs” to “What Can I Do?”
- Add “Last updated” to some pages.

Pamphlet revision/reprinting postponed until fall.

Swap Shop opening Saturday April 6 or Tuesday April 9, depending on weather.

Town Council report. Council is reviewing/revising goals.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 1.

Minutes submitted by Naomi