

IWMAC Meeting Minutes
Durham Town Hall, Council Chambers
May 1, 2024, 8am

In attendance: Julie Kelley, Mike Pazdon, Naomi Kornhauser, Nell Neal, and Sally Needell, and Sam Hewitt.

Agenda approved.

Election of officers. We voted unanimously for Nell to continue as Chair and for Julie to become Vice Chair.

Minutes. March 20 and April 3 minutes approved. Followup to two items in minutes:

- Sam confirmed that Toter company, if used, will collect and recycle old bins. Toter is somewhat more expensive than other brands, but it has longer warranty and offers this recycle service.
- We will have to pay \$100 if we show *The Last Repair Shop*.

DPW Update

- Tree removal from culvert area at Madbury and Edgewood has begun.
- Madbury Road improvements beginning soon.
- Solid Waste EV grant from DES has gone to Governor and Executive Council or approval.
- Site plan is being developed for Transfer Station changes.
- 95 free bulky waste coupons were handed out and 25 redeemed. Resident feedback has been positive.
- NRRA conference coming up on June 3 and 4. Eight DPW staffers attending.
- Some crosswalks are being upgraded, starting with Park Court and Young Drive.
- Nell mentioned that since the IWMAC summer schedule is light, it would be a good time to discuss DPW projects.

NRRA Compost Workshop. Naomi and Nell shared some of what they learned.

- Durham is already ahead of many of the towns represented, which are just starting to collect compost at their transfer stations.
- No Durham municipality has curbside compost pickup. Two or more have satellite pickup locations.
- Mailers are shown to be effective means of communication.

City Compost Report by Sally.

- Company does not seem to be a good option for curbside pickup.
- If we were to have a trial of curbside pickup, it would be easier in selected neighborhood(s) than in entire town.

Capstone Project presentation. Students will provide links to PowerPoint presentation and PDF, which includes instructions for using Instagram and Canva. They are also trying to find student(s) to continue project next year.

Website improvements. Mike reviewed recent changes and invited us to make comments and suggestions. This can be an ongoing process.

We adjourned at 10 AM with plans to meet again on May 15.

Minutes submitted by Naomi