

IWMAC Meeting Minutes
Durham Town Hall, Council Chambers
July 17, 2024, 8am

In attendance: James Bubar, Sam Hewitt, Julie Kelley, Naomi Kornhauser, Mike Pazdon, Richard Reine, Paul Rasmussen, and Susan Richman.

Julie Kelley presided over meeting in Nell Neal's absence.

Agenda approved; June 26 minutes approved.

Town Council update by James. Durham Farm Day is on 8/17. We agreed to discuss on 8/7 whether we will participate.

Planning Board update by Paul. PB working on workforce housing ordinance.

DPW updates by Sam.

- Madbury Rd. construction continues; culvert on Edgewood Rd. close to completion.
- New bulky waste coupon system working well.
- Brendan Connelly hired as new Transfer Station attendant.

More DPW updates by Rich.

- Applying for grant to look into sludge drying system
- Has incorporated some suggestions from committee and from James into SW ordinance.
- EV grant approval delayed due to change in personnel at state level.

Hannaford Report. Julie, Susan, and Janet met with Robin Bisson of Durham Hannaford, who is very supportive of limiting plastic use. We will invite Robin to attend next IWMAC meeting to discuss ways Hannaford can partner with town in sustainability efforts. We may also want to meet with George Parmentier (sp?), who works on sustainability for Hannaford at a higher level.

Susan reported that USDA has grants that might address composting. Mike volunteered to look more carefully at grant suitability and application process.

Composting.

- Julie has spoken with Erin Hale about having Capstone Students work on Compost Challenge. Could also involve students from different departments, such as business, ecology, community development. We will aim to implement challenge sometime between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.
- Mike looked into composting program in Medford, MA. Not a good model for Durham because it is a large city in a state supportive of composting.

Naomi suggested printing more Reduce/Reuse/Recycle bookmarks and Sustainable Durham stickers. We voted unanimously to order 200 bookmarks from UNH printing. Naomi will look into ordering smaller stickers. We will discuss possible new brochure at later date.

Naomi will ask Library if we can set up a display with reusable Hannaford bags as alternative to plastic.

Next meetings will be on August 7 and 21.

Minutes submitted by Naomi