

**IWMAC Meeting Minutes – Final
Durham Town Hall
December 4, 2024, 8am**

In attendance: Nell Neal, Julie Kelley, Naomi Kornhauser, Susan Richman, James Bubar, Mike Pazdon, Janet Perkins-Howland, Will Byington, and guest Erin Hale.

Welcome Meetings will now officially be from 8-9:30.

Agenda approved.

Minutes from October 30 approved. Nell will compose summary of November 20 meeting (Naomi was absent and minutes were not taken).

Compost Challenge Will gave the PowerPoint presentation already given to Town Council. Discussion followed.

- Erin said that some UNH engineering students are working on composting.
- Better signage would be helpful at Transfer Station composting station.
- Will distributed participant survey. Comments overwhelmingly positive.
- Consider asking participants to recommend others for next challenge.
- Consider making former participants “compost mentors.”

DPW Update Sam absent, but told Nell they are meeting with Mac Truck regarding purchase of EVs. Also submitting plans to DES for transfer station upgrade.

Town Council Update Focus is on budget. Visited by new UNH President Chilton.

Planning Board Update Paul absent.

Hannaford Update Robin has been too busy to follow up.

Agriculture Committee Julie agreed to investigate what Ag Committee is doing re: compost.

Leaf/Brush Collection 20% of residents utilize town service. Janet and Nell are composing letter to respond to Em Friedrichs’ concerns about handling leaves and brush more sustainably.

Friday Updates Mike volunteered to be interviewed for updates.

Medford Composting Mike presented brief summary of their program.

- Community outreach/communication is essential.
- Consider partnering with regional planning commission?
- Mike will email Medford’s Executive Summary for us to read and discuss at next meeting.

Brattleboro Composting Julie will propose zoom meeting in January.

Next meeting will be on December 18. We will adjust January meeting dates due to New year holiday and based on Brattleboro's availability.

Minutes submitted by Naomi