

IWMAC Meeting Minutes – FINAL
Durham Town Hall
April 2, 2025, 8am

In attendance: Julie Kelley, Nell Neal, Sally Needell, Mike Pazdon, Paul Rasmussen, Susan Richman (via Zoom), Peter Yost, and Naomi Kornhauser.

Agenda approved.

Minutes from March 19 to be approved at next meeting.

DPW Update Sam absent. We discussed possibility of contacting our U.S. Senators and Representative about how the tariffs and delay of grants are affecting Durham's ability to purchase new trucks. Sally will bring this before the Town Council.

Planning Board Update by Paul.

- Dunkin Donuts development on hold pending decision by DOT about traffic pattern in and out of property.
- Julie has composed letter to the developer about sustainable practices. Intention is to make the issue more prominent to them and also to our Planning Department and Planning Board.
- Mike will identify franchisee and compose letter to them encouraging sustainable practices.
- Julie will respond to letter from Em Friedrichs that we will continue to support sustainable practices, but that decisions about ordinances are ultimately up to PB.

Environmental Law Institute and Natural Resources Defense Council event on April 8. Susan plans to attend. Peter will attend if his work schedule allows.

Discussion: Plastic bags vs. paper bags vs. totes. Sally will send the article again. Discussion postponed to next meeting.

Discussion: Does recycling single use plastic bags and Styrofoam encourage use? We agreed that best approach is to pursue simultaneously both banning and recycling.

Meeting with Judith Spang. Julie and Susan will arrange meeting to learn about Judith's past campaigns to ban plastic bags in NH.

Riverwoods Earth Day event. Julie and Sally will have table at fair on April 23 with plastic bag petition.

Committee Membership. Susan will inform Karen Edwards that she would like to become regular member rather than alternate.

Town resolution about purchase of plastics. Sally and Nell submitted latest draft. We made minor revisions, including removal of specific chemical references to ensure that all plastics are covered. Sally will send final version to committee. Nell will present resolution at next TC meeting on April 21.

Composting pilot project. Grant applications are not yet being accepted. Nell will move forward with writing letter to possible pilot neighborhoods.

DYK? Julie asked for feedback on publishing DYK about Coca Cola's decreasing commitment to recycling. Is this too political? We chose instead to discuss the health issues related to plastic beverage containers.

Meeting adjourned with plan to meet again on April 16.

Minutes submitted by Naomi