

IWMAC Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
Durham Town Hall
April 16, 2025, 8am

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

Agenda approved.

Minutes from March 19 and April 2 approved with one minor change.

DPW Update by Sam

- Compost sign will be moved to new location at entrance to Transfer Station this week.
- LeBrie is shifting manufacture of bodies for new trucks to U.S., but transition will cause delay of at least months.
- Toter purchase will not be affected by tariffs.
- We have filed for an extension on EV grant from state.
- Department has unprecedented staffing shortage, making solid waste pickup a challenge.
- Department is considering contracting out curbside pickup to Waste Management, in which case we would not need new trucks. Currently doing analysis to compare costs.

Planning Board Update by Paul.

- Dunkin Donuts development still on hold pending decision from DOT on traffic pattern.
- PB considering splitting the central business district into two zones.
- 74 Main St. development is held up due to legal challenge by abutters.
- Nell asked Paul to let us know if he sees any gaps in regulations regarding sustainability that IWMAC might want to address.

Town Council Update by Sally.

- Executive Councilor Kenney attended meeting and got lots of negative feedback about the state budget.
- Adjusted setback requirements for RiverWoods expansion.
- Working on updated Town Council goals.

ORCSD Sustainability Dinner. Mike reported that he had good discussions with attendees about composting. He recommends more composting outreach and updating of IWMAC posters.

RiverWoods Earth Day event. Julie and Sally will attend. They will ask how RiverWoods handles composting.

Meeting with Judith Spang will be scheduled after Susan returns from her travels.

Single use plastics resolution approved with addition of “in Durham” to statement that styrofoam is not recyclable. Resolution will be presented at first council meeting in May.

Compost pilot. Mike will check on schedule for grant application.

Brattleboro visit. Peter and Mike will plan visit in May to observe successful regional composting operation.

NRRA Conference, May 19-20. Discounted registration due this Friday. IWMAAC budget will cover cost of attending. Anyone interested can read online about workshops.

Portsmouth Sustainability Fair. Sally attended and noted the following.

- Bookmark with list of nonfiction books on sustainability. We might consider creating similar bookmark and asking library to order books.
- Grove sustainable products have increased in price 25-30% due to tariffs.

Miscellaneous other business

- Sally and Mike will be away for May 7 meeting.
- Craig requests 2-week notice for Zoom attendance at meetings. At the end of every meeting, we will decide whether anyone needs Zoom for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned with plan to meet again on May 7.

Minutes submitted by Naomi