

IWMAC Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
5 Garden Lane, Durham
July 2, 2025, 8am

In attendance: Sam Hewitt, Julie Kelley, Nell Neal, Mike Pazdon, Paul Rasmussen, Susan Richman, Peter Yost, Naomi Kornhauser, and Steven Fellows.

Meeting called to order at 8:07

Agenda approved.

Minutes from June 18 approved.

DPW Update by Sam

- Request filed for permit for Transfer Station modification, including addition of compactors. The review process can take up to 9 months.
- Densifier for Styrofoam not under consideration by DPW.
- Signage added at TS re: lithium battery ban
- Still discussing with Waste Management the possibility of contracting out solid waste collection. Their “Cadillac” program would match our current level of service.
- Still trying to hire more staff
- Susan suggested ways to encourage proper handling of waste by student residents: printing FAQs in Town Updates and encouraging permanent residents to talk to student neighbors.

Town Council Update. Sally absent. Nell suggested we discuss new Council goals at next meeting.

Planning Board Update by Paul. Proposal made to Council to remove three-level height limitation in sections of downtown.

Agriculture Commission Banner. Nell ordered 2 banner attachments for Farm Day on August 16, \$50 each, paid out of IWMAC budget. In future we can order patches with new dates.

Updating IWMAC Posters. Mike will take photos of current posters and email them to committee with suggestions for revision.

Plastic Garden Pot Recycling. A large pile has developed again at Swap Shop. Nell suggested we take a photo of the pile for Friday Updates to highlight recycling initiative. Mike will bring them to Lowes or Home Depot this Saturday and will mention to store representative the positive PR that we can provide.

Plastics in Portsmouth. Susan reported that Portsmouth is not banning plastic use in restaurants, but instead is educating management and staff on ways to reduce plastic.

Durham Committee Summit. Julie will work on this in coming month.

Town Council Compost Challenge. We will do this in the fall only if we are unable to pursue compost neighborhood pilot.

Dunkin Donuts. Mike will contact franchisee in coming month regarding plans for recycling and composting. Nell and Mike will plan to meet together with current store manager.

Neighborhood Survey for Compost Pilot.

- We discussed how best to contact residents of neighborhoods being considered for pilot. What information should we provide and what questions should we ask? Naomi will prepare rough draft next week and send it to committee for editing.
- Possible neighborhoods: Faculty Road, Davis Ave, Riverside, Hampshire Road, Ross Road, Wedgewood.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30, purposing to meet next on July 16.