

**IWMAC Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
Durham Town Hall Council Chambers
November 19, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 8:04.

In attendance: Sam Hewitt, Julie Kelley, Naomi Kornhauser, Nell Neal, Sally Needell, Mike Pazdon, Janet Perkins-Howland, Paul Rasmussen, Richard Reine, Allison Small, Peter Yost, plus guests: Matt Collins, Ray LaRoche, Curtis Register, April Talon, Dwight Trueblood, Veronique Luddington, Theresa Walker, DPW Engineer Greg, and RMI owners Shelagh Connely and Charley Hanson.

Agenda and November 5 minutes approved.

DPW Update by Sam. Today is last day of two-week leaf and brush collection. DPW picked up 43 truckloads of brush (more than usual) and 18 truckloads of leaves (less than usual).

Town Council Update by Sally.

- Climate Action Plan approved.
- Sally informed council that we withdraw our request for \$5000.

Planning Board Update by Paul. Riverwoods application passed.

Sustainability Newsletter Update by Julie.

- UNH student Sadie Dyer is developing structure for newsletter.
- Seven committees and commissions have expressed interest.
- Opt-in newsletter to appear quarterly, in February, May, August, and November.
- Sadie and Julie are consulting with Luke and Craig about logistics.

Swap Shop Report by Sally.

- Currently accepting winter holiday items, which have been turning around quickly.
- December 13 is last day; no large items accepted after December 6.
- Bay State Books now collecting books from blue bin. Many books are being taken for use in a women's shelter.
- Still receiving lots of plastic pots for us to take to Home Depot or Lowe's.

Discussion of Wastewater Sludge and PFAS – RMI owners Shelagh Connely and Charley Hanson gave presentation and Rich answered questions. Some notable points:

- RMI was the only company that bid in 2023, and we now have contract with them through 2027.
- RMI accepted 1100 tons last year at a fee of \$225.30/ton.
- Sludge is generally too wet for landfills, even after we dewater it.
- RMI contends that land application of sludge is currently safest alternative for disposal.

Meeting adjourned at 10 AM, purposing to meet again December 3.

