

**IWMAC Meeting Minutes – DRAFT**  
**Durham Town Hall Council Chambers**  
**December 3, 2025**

**In attendance:** Julie Kelley, Naomi Kornhauser, Nell Neal, Sally Needell, Paul Rasmussen, Susan Richman, Allison Small, Peter Yost, plus 4 UNH Capstone students.

Meeting called to order at 8:07.

Agenda and November 19 minutes approved.

**Compost Challenge Presentation** by Jordan et al. Students gave the same presentation they gave to Town Council. Two interesting notes:

- Lebanon NH reported 30% cost savings by composting vs. landfilling food scraps.
- Elm City Initiative is a successful small-scale effort that we could look into.

**Town Council Update** by Sally. Budget discussion continued, to be finalized December 17.

**Planning Board Update** by Paul. Will be working on downtown zoning for foreseeable future.

**Sustainability Newsletter Update** by Julie. Sadie Dyer was not approved to work on newsletter as a Capstone Project because it does not have a research component. We will look for tech-savvy volunteer to continue project, perhaps a member of another committee.

**IWMAC Annual Report** compiled by Susan. We approved report with some minor revisions, knowing that Karen Edwards may edit further for length. Thank you, Susan!

**Swap Shop Report** by Sally. Swap Shop closed as of November 29. Some notes on the season:

- Currently 30-40 volunteers.
- Sally may recommend that town require bulky waste sticker for all wood furniture.
- More customers and better turnover of items than in previous years.
- Karen Dyer is working on a Swap Shop history.

**PFAS in Wastewater Sludge.** We discussed presentation from previous meeting and questions that remain, including:

- Now that we are dewatering sludge, would Waste Management accept it?
- Why did Dover switch from landfill to RMI?
- What are results of RMI's quarterly PFAS test?
- Does IWMAC have the ability or resources to pursue this issue?

We agreed to discuss at next meeting the possibility of forming a subcommittee to advise DPW in advance of entering into our next contract for disposal of wastewater sludge.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM, purposing to meet again December 17.

Minutes by Naomi.