

IWMAC Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
Durham Town Hall Council Chambers
January 7, 2026

In attendance: Steven Fellows, Julie Kelley, Naomi Kornhauser, Nell Neal, Sally Needell, and Janet Perkins Howland.

Meeting called to order at 8:08.

Agenda approved.

December 17 minutes approved.

DPW Update – Sam absent due to snow clearance.

- Nell plans to summarize pertinent information from NH Recycles newsletters and forward it regularly to DPW and the committee.
- Christmas tree collection is this Saturday at Transfer Station. Extra help welcome to load and transfer trees to Hickory Nut Farm. Julie will put notice in DYK for people who missed curbside tree collection and want to bring their trees to farm themselves.

Town Council and Planning Board Updates – neither has met since our last meeting.

Sustainability Newsletter Update by Julie.

- Julie hopes to use Canva template to create newsletter.
- Julie is writing committees to set up process for submitting material.
- Steven suggested thermal camera as possible topic for Energy Committee.
- Nell will ask Sheryl Bass if they would like to participate, specifically with information about Library of Things. Might also be good topic for a DYK.

DYKs

- Sally asked that DYK feature the Swap Shop when it reopens in March, with refresher on what can and cannot be brought to shop.
- With closure of Savers, Janet will assemble updated information on donating to Salvation Army, Goodwill, and Echo.

Name Change. We agreed that “Sustainability Committee” is too broad and that the word “Advisory,” while unnecessary, helps create a good acronym. We will not seek a name change.

Meeting with NYC Deputy Commissioner of Solid Waste Management. Nell had an opportunity for an informal discussion about matters relevant to IWAC’s work.

- Composting is required in NYC for environmental reasons. It does **not** save money.
- Casella is a reputable company. Would be worthwhile to invite representatives of company to an IWMAC meeting.

- We could consider forming neighborhood groups to cooperate bringing compost to Transfer Station. Naomi will write up thoughts/proposal about doing this.

Miscellaneous

- DPW has not provided calendar for recycle pickup since it will be changing mid-year. Residents need a calendar for at least the beginning third or half of 2026.
- Sally will recommend to DPW that they require stickers be purchased for large wooden furniture left at Swap Shop.
- Nell will contact members of PFAS subcommittee to schedule meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10, purposing to meet again on January 21.

Minutes submitted by Naomi.