

IWMAC Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
Durham Town Hall Council Chambers
March 18, 2026

In attendance: Nell Neal, Julie Kelley, Susan Richman, Mike Pazdon, Naomi Kornhauser, Steven Fellows, Paul Rasmussen, Allison Jumper, Sam Hewitt, and Janet Perkins.

Meeting called to order at 8:07.

Agenda approved. We will postpone approving March 4 minutes.

DPW Update by Sam, all about upcoming change to curbside collection.

- Story map launched, with link published in Friday Updates. Will also mail informational postcard.
- Survey imbedded in story map to request extra toters, which will cost \$200-\$300/year.
- New toters will be distributed May 27-29, followed by transition period in which DPW will still do collection. Casella will start on June 29.
- DYKs could help by conveying instructions in smaller bits and reminding people how to recycle. Also, IWMAC could set up informational table at TS.
- Old trash containers will be collected at Transfer Station in July.

Route 108 Transfer Station Sign. Request should come from DPW. Sam will add to his to-do list to contact DOT District 6 office.

N.H. Recycles Expo happening in Concord on May 18. Nell would like to go and invites others who are interested. Fee will be paid out of committee budget.

Town Council Update by Paul. Council approved funding to finish Madbury Road improvements, Edgewood Road to Route 4.

Planning Board Update by Paul.

- PB discussed architectural standards, where 5 stories will be allowed, and how to implement Housing Task Force recommendations.
- Role of PB rep may change after April, when Paul will no longer be on IWMAC. Committee membership is currently optional for PB members. Paul thinks it is helpful to have a PB rep on IWMAC, and he will see if another member is interested.

Dunkin' Donuts Update.

- Manager told Janet that he has been too busy to attend meeting, and owner is in Leominster MA.
- Sam reports that DD plans to recycle cardboard boxes but does not plan indoor recycling, since most business is take-out.
- Janet will try to contact owner by email or phone to find out if they are open to sustainable practices such as composting coffee grinds, allowing BYO cups, using brown napkins and wood stirrers, etc.

Changing Behaviors Video. “Homework” assigned to watch 40-minute video at home before next meeting. Steven will resend link.

Sustainability Newsletter Update by Julie.

- Meeting with Luke for help with technical issues.
- To date, nine entities (individuals, committees, library, etc.) have shown interest in submitting articles.
- First newsletter will come out in May.
- Steven may submit article about thermal imaging camera.
- Susan suggested a “Reader’s Corner” and may submit a home inventory of plastics.

Land Stewardship Committee Veronique asked if we want to participate in BioBlitz or in educating dog owners at Wagon Hill. Nell will get more information on BioBlitz, scheduled for May 17.

Revising charge of IWMAC

- PFAS subcommittee met and wants to expand our charge, which may include changing the name. Both would require Town Council approval.
- We will devote an upcoming meeting to this, April 15 unless Casella comes that day.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52

Minutes by Naomi