

IWMAC Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2024, 8:00 am

In attendance: Nell Neal, Paul Rasmussen (Planning Board Rep), Julie Kelley, Mike Pazdon, Susan Richman, Sam Hewitt (for his DPW report), Sally Needell

Town Council Updates

- Completed the 2024-2025 goals
- Reviewing the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes

Planning Board

- The Housing Task Force and Planning Board are drafting a Work-Force Housing Ordinance and exploring Density Benefits that could be made available to developers as incentives to enable developers to construct a mix of housing types allowing for some properties to be sold or rented at full value. IWMAC is being asked to consider potential incentives to be implemented.
- Be ready to share ideas and assess potential incentives at the next meeting.

DPW Update

- Members of the DPW attended NRRA workshops this week, each member gathering information from a variety of workshops. Sam attended workshops on mattress recycling, increasing confidence in recycling, full-cost accounting of waste disposal, and single-stream recycling.
- Turnkey Landfill is adding a surcharge for mattresses brought to the site because they need special consideration in the landfill. The DPW is looking into how to deal with the mattresses in Durham in the future, including working with companies that specifically recycle mattresses.
- The new Solid Waste Ordinance is almost complete and will be shared with the members of IWMAC for our review. Members can expect copies of the existing and proposed ordinances before the next meeting, which will focus on the Ordinance review.
- Commercial businesses are able to recycle their cardboard with the town. The DPW would like the businesses, in the future, to use the new toters for cardboard that residences will be using, in order to use the new fully-automated trucks, potentially reducing the time required for pick up as well as moving the cardboard curbside so that it will no longer be picked up on private property.
- Current construction projects are on schedule this time.
- Julie is considering DYKs regarding correct aerosol can and battery disposal with input from Sam.

IWMAC Website

The Website is complete. Mike will make additions and changes as needed.

Durham Day

- A Subcommittee will look into ordering stickers, pamphlets, and bookmarks
- Julie, Janet, and Susan are investigating availability of reusable bags from Hannafords
- Susan will prepare "idea boards" for people to write their comments/questions regarding waste at businesses and composting.
- Mike will bring the posters from the Town Hall lobby and the composter from the DPW.
- Susan will prepare activities.
- Sally will bring Swap Shop items to give away (and toy garbage trucks and toters for display).
- Nell will request two tables.

Composting

- Medford, MA: Medford is paying for the pick up of food waste for composting in neighborhoods with the help of grant funds. For 6000 households the cost is \$772,000 annually.

- Nell recommends that IWMAC request that the Town have a Sustainability Line Item in the budget that would be used, in part, to enable the pick up of household compost by Mr. Fox at no cost to some residents to encourage composting. Mike will look into grant funding via Paige Wilson, and Susan will do the same via Senator Shaheen's office. The next discussion on this topic will be after the next IWMAC meeting.
- Julie will ask Faculty Neighborhood residents to let her know if they are composting in their yards or at the Transfer Station.
- Sally will ask Tom Richardson to ask about composting on Littlehale Road.

Other

Plastics will be a discussion for a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

NEXT MEETING

June 19th at the TOWN HALL.

We will be discussing the new Solid Waste Ordinance. Please read the Ordinance before the meeting and bring your questions and suggestions. Also be prepared to share ideas for waste disposal "behaviors" that could be incentives for housing developers.

Minutes submitted by Sally Needell