

**IWMAC Meeting Minutes – Final**  
**5 Garden Lane**  
**September 4, 2024, 8am**

**In attendance:** Julie Kelley, Mike Pazdon, Susan Richman, Naomi Kornhauser, Janet Perkins-Howland, James Bubar, Paul Rasmussen, Nell Neal, Sam Hewitt, and guest Sally Needell.

**Three-year terms.** Sally explained Town Council’s plan to assign 3-year terms to IWMAC members, like most other town committees. Terms can be renewed when they expire.

**Agenda and Minutes** approved.

**DPW Update** by Sam. DPW is still preparing draft of new solid waste ordinance to present to Town Council, hoping to start the new system sometime in 2025. Containers with the highest recyclable content would have to be black; color to be decided.

**Town Council** update by James. Blue Ocean Society made a presentation to council, including description of their beach clean-up efforts at Adams Point.

**Planning Board** update by Paul. Still finalizing new Workforce Housing zoning ordinance.

**Hannaford** report by Janet. Durham store manager Robin Bisson continues to show enthusiasm for sustainability efforts. We will invite her to the next meeting and possible have regional manager zoom in. Naomi will talk to library about display with reusable Hannaford bags.

**Clothing Swap** is planned for Saturday November 2 at ORMS. Volunteers needed for prep and day of event.

**Single Use Plastics.** We would like to propose to the Town Council a restriction to the purchase of single use plastics by the town. We will draft a proposal after researching needs of with various town departments, as follows:. Julie - Parks and Rec; Mike – Police; Nell - Fire and McGregor; Janet - ORCSD.

**Halloween.** We decided against participating in town event planned by Recreation Dept.

**Compost Challenge** report by Julie.

- Rachel at Parks and Rec is interesting in partnering with us again.
- Erin Hale is looking for a student to help as part of Capstone Project.
- Challenge will run for 6 weeks, starting October 5.
- Fee will be \$10/household, maximum of 20 households.
- We discussed possibility of prizes for participating households.
- Julie will put together flyer and share it with us for comments.

**Sustainable Durham stickers.** Naomi showed different sizes for a smaller sticker and shared price information. We agreed to order 400 stickers with diameter 2 ½” and 200 with diameter 4” (same as current stickers). Naomi will ask Gail in business office how to make payment online.

**Grants.** Mike will present information at the next meeting on grant opportunities and will also do more research on composting pilot program in Medford Mass.

**Signage.** Sam will have DPW replace *Reduce/Re-use/Repair* signs with *Got Composting* signs by October 5.

**Repair program.** We set a goal to plan and run a program within the year.

**Next meeting:** September 18.

Minutes submitted by Naomi.