

**IWMAC Meeting Minutes – Final
Durham Town Hall
September 18, 2024, 8am**

In attendance: Julie Kelley, Susan Richman, Naomi Kornhauser, Janet Perkins-Howland, Paul Rasmussen, Nell Neal, Sam Hewitt, Richard Reine, and guest Will Byington.

Minutes were approved with some revisions

DPW Update by Sam

- New solid waste ordinance to be presented to Town Council on October 7; November 4 meeting open to public comment. Pau mentioned that it would be helpful to have community members, including IWMAC members, speak in favor of ordinance
- WMUR Chronicle host came to Swap Shop to film for upcoming segment, date to be announced. Naomi pointed out faulty link to Swap Shop information on Town website; Rich repaired it.

Compost Challenge

- Will Byington introduced himself. He will be working with Julie on Compost Challenge as part of his Sustainability Capstone Project.
- Julie asked for suggestions of places to post information about challenge. Emery Farm, Tideline, Hannaford, Transfer Station, and Library were mentioned
- What should be included in “Top Composter” basket? Susan will purchase a metal compost container for use inside. Mr. Fox will donate bag of compost.
- Julie suggested hiring AV professional to film composting testimonials at Transfer Station. The committee approved of the idea but felt it could be done for free by UNH students. Will thinks he can do the filming and get help on campus with editing.
- Brief detour discussing problem of beer can and Solo cup litter in town.

Town Council Update – James absent

Planning Board Update – Paul said there is nothing relevant to IWMAC to report.

Clothing Swap scheduled for November 2. Erin Hale will use Sustainable Durham logo in promotional material.

Hannaford Update by Janet. Robin Bisson and regional manager will attend October 16 meeting to give general overview of their sustainability policies. Suggestion was made to invite people from Whole Foods and Aldi’s in future.

Funding of Single-Use Plastics by Town

- Rich emphasized need for any new policy to include exceptions
- Rich described hydration station used in Concord, which might be useful for town, especially Parks & Rec.

- Nell asked members to review the Massachusetts Executive Order 619, by Governor Healy, before next meeting for ideas in drafting our own policy.

Funding Banner Attachments. Nell suggested asking other committees what attachments they would like and offering to purchase them at approx. \$100 each. We will discuss at next meeting, once we have a better idea of how much money remains in 2024 budget.

Printing and Distributing Leaflets with Town Mailings. We agreed that we should not reprint Recycle Right leaflet until we know what changes will be required due to the new SW ordinance. We could distribute Composting leaflet alone; Naomi will email copy to members to see if it needs revision.

Repair Fair. Erin Hale hopes to hold one in Spring.

DPL Display About Reusable Bags. Audra at DPL said it would be fine to have display encouraging use of reusable bag, not plastic (as in “Use This, Not That). Julie will ask Elise Sullivan if she would like to set it up. Display will include free reusable bags from Hannaford.

ORCSD. Janet spoke with Jon Bromley, who invites committee member to attend an ORCSD Sustainability Club meeting.

Meeting adjourned with plan to meet again on October 2.

Minutes submitted by Naomi