

**IWMAC Meeting Minutes – Final
Durham Town Hall
October, 16 2024, 8am**

In attendance: Susan Richman, Naomi Kornhauser, Janet Perkins-Howland (via zoom), Paul Rasmussen, Nell Neal, Sam Hewitt, James Bubar, and guests Robin Bisson and George Parmenter.

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

Hannaford presentation by Robin Bisson, manager of Durham store, and George Parmenter, Regional Manager. Some major points:

- Hannaford is part of international Europe-based company, Ahold Delhaize.
- Hannaford set goal in 2016 to cut food waste 50% by 2030. Have already cut it by 1/3. Can provide numbers for use in DYK.
- Kearsage Climate Action in New London has placed pedestal signs in Hannaford to educate customers.
- Agricycle collects Hannaford's waste and uses it to create energy (by biodigestion) or soil (by composting).
- Durham store has reached 91% food waste recycling.
- Plastic bags are collected by Trex and recycled. Trex website gives instructions on which bags are recyclable – basically the same as our sign.
- Large container for plastic bags has been removed at Durham store because of continual contamination. Instead they have been using a small basket and emptying it often.
- Plastic bags are not used in other New England states. George recommends lobbying Concord to do the same in NH.
- Ellen MacArthur Foundation is working on increasing plastic recycling and creating a circular economy.
- George emphasized that Hannaford pays attention to customer input.

DPW Update by Sam. Rich and Sam presented the new solid waste ordinance to Town Council, who approved it to advance to public hearing on November 4.

Planning Board Update by Paul. New arts center on Route 108 was approved for conditional use last year. They have contacted Sam about SW and recycling; they will be part of commercial collection.

Town Council Update by James. Town activities planned for October 26 (Downtown Trick or Treat) and December 7 (Frost Fest). New parking machines being installed.

Composting pamphlets. Naomi reported that these cannot be included in town mailings per town rules, so she did not order the approved 3,000.

Next meeting. All other business was tabled to next meeting. Should we have it on October 30 instead of the morning after the election? To be decided by email poll.

Minutes submitted by Naomi.