IWMAC Meeting Minutes – Final Durham Town Hall March 5, 2025, 8am

In attendance: Nell Neal, Mike Pazdon, Janet Perkins-Howland, Paul Rasmussen, Susan Richman, Peter Yost, and Naomi Kornhauser.

Agenda approved.

Minutes from February 19 approved.

DPW Update – Sam absent. Nell learned from NRRA that we may not be able to get A-Frame sign because we got 2 in 2022. Flat signs are available now. Mike will follow up with DPW about where and how to mount them.

Styrofoam Collection

- Three-hour round trip to recycling facility in Guilford is prohibitive. Perhaps we could do it at limited times, such as after holidays.
- Ideally, molded cardboard would replace Styrofoam
- DES says off-gassing is not a concern
- Nell will call Guilford for more information

Town Council Update. Representative absent.

Planning Board Update by Paul. Dunkin Donuts is opening new store on old Cumberland Farms site. We discussed how we might influence their recycling and sustainability practices.

- Site plan regulations require single stream recycling. Paul read relevant section 9.4.4.
- Peter will check with Dunkin Donuts about their corporate policies re: sustainability.

Hannaford and Plastic Bags policy. Susan said no progress can be expected without statewide action. She will ask Town Council to endorse the *New Hampshire Network Petition to reduce plastic bags at NH grocery stores*.

Proposed Single Use Plastics Resolution. We approved the substance of Nell's resolution to be presented to Town Council. She will confer with Karen Edwards about the format.

Pilot Compost Program

- Susan questioned whether we can make the decision within the committee about the best neighborhood to use for pilot program. Nell will check with Todd.
- Assuming we get a grant for the pilot program, who will be the administrator of the funds? Mike will check with Gail.

ORCSD Community Dinner on April 15

- Mike and Peter will staff the IWMAC table.
- Susan will ask new food service director about composting and recycling practices.
- Posters in Town Hall lobby can be borrowed for event.
- Naomi has stickers and bookmarks to be given out.
- Janet will ask Mr. Fox if they plan to have their own table or would like to include information at ours.

Meeting adjourned with intention to meet again on March 19.