



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 20, 2022**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Gary Gilmore, Vice Chairman Dave Dinzeo, Council Liaison, Michelle Muffet-Lipinski, Kate Surman, Lynn Peterson

Members Absent: Doug Kemp

Alternate Members Present: Deb Clough

Alternate Members Absent: Tim Casey, Chris Sleys

Staff Present: Mike Moore, Solid Waste Coordinator, Nancy Usbelger, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Operating Rules

Motion: Gilmore made a motion to strike the operating rules from the agenda, Dinzeo seconded.

Vote: U/a

3. Citizens Forum

Bill Stafford spoke about the formal complaint from the last meeting which was noted but wanted to know if the committee could discuss it at this meeting.

Motion: Dave Dinzeo made a motion to add to this agenda, Clough seconded.

Vote: U/a

Cynthia Walter stated she was here to just listen, she is a member of the non-partisan Dover plastic production group. Just wanted to sit through the meeting to see what's happening with the city's solid waste.

Lynn Peterson arrived at 6:09

4. Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2022

Motion: Dinzeo made a motion to approve the minutes, Clough seconded.

Vote: U/a

A. Bill Staffords proposal

Discussion:

Dinzeo stated it's about the container sizes and the blowing trash all over the City.

Muffet-Lipinski stated it sounds like an enforceability issue.

Moore stated he did order 1200 recycling lids.

Moore stated we are already giving out the lids, some people don't want the lids. We are doing the best we can to let people know. About 30-40% are using the proper bin with the lid. The recycling bins and lids have never been deemed mandatory by City Council.



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Stafford stated other towns are using a different technology such as totes. It may not be the best but other towns are using them. Should we consider totes?

Muffet – Lipinski stated it has gone to council twice and has been voted down.

Moore stated we have not found the money to move forward with a consultant to complete a study that will examine some of the current issues associated with recycling and solid waste collections. He also stated this would be the second time that the city would request a proposal for the study. It all comes down to money.

Gilmore asked what were the contamination rates?

Moore stated the national average is around 12% and we are around 8%.

Surman wanted to know we stood next to Waste Management.

Moore stated that five years ago we weren't a lot cheaper than Waste Management and Pinard wasn't a player because the bid was too high. He also stated quality of service could be better if it was just us but cost wise up front it wasn't a lot cheaper.

Surman asked do we need a consultant to conduct a feasibility study for the future?

Moore stated he feels you would need a professional to give current numbers to make recommendations.

Peterson stated we need to start thinking about what we can do especially for health and safety issues.

Dinzeo stated if there is no code enforcement officer than nothing is going to change.

Surman asked do other towns have a code enforcement officer?

Moore stated Rochester has two.

Gilmore stated a lot of the issue could also be the rapid growth in Dover and it just might take some time.

Surman asked what can we do to make a difference and get it in front of the council?

Lipinski stated you could make a recommendation for a code enforcement officer and present it in front of the City Council.



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Solid Waste Advisory Commission recommends the City hire a full-time code enforcement officer to enforce city ordinances not limited to solid waste. Current enforcement of city ordinances has been ineffective addressing the blowing trash which causes environmental and health impacts.

Motion: Dinzeo made the motion to approve the proposal, Gilmore seconded.

Vote – U/a

5. Monthly Update

A. Financials

Monthly financials were reviewed

6. Recycling Center

A. Sunday- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Nov. 6, 2022 to Dec. 11, 2022

Fall hours were reviewed.

7. Curbside Collection

A. Oct. 24-28, Oct. 31-Nov. 4, Nov. 7-12, Nov. 14-18, Nov. 21-26, Nov. 28-Dec.2

Leaf Collection reviewed.

8. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Motion: Peterson made the motion to wait till next month, Clough seconded.

Vote: u/a

9. Old Business

A. Grant Updates

Moore stated that the possibility of getting totter grant is not good. The grant is possibly \$100,00.00 which is not enough to get even half of the number of totters that we would need. The focus has shifted to the covers. John Storer, Director of Community Services, Gretchen Young, Environmental Project Manager and UNH students are putting a proposal together to purchase another 2000 covers for a pilot study over a 2-3-month period of trash blowing.

10. Set Future Meeting Date

December 8, 2022

Motion: Peterson made the motion to change the next meeting date, Clough seconded.

Vote: U/a

11. Adjournment

Motion: Dinzeo made the motion to adjourn at 7:11 pm, Clough seconded.

Vote: U/a