



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, January 12, 2023**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

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

Member Excused Absent: Doug Kemp

Alternate Members Present: Deb Clough

Alternate Members Unexcused Absent: Chris Sleys

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

None

3. Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2022

Peterson arrived at 6:02 pm

Motion: Tim made a motion to approve the minutes with changes, Deb seconded.

Vote: U/a

4. Monthly Update

Recycling Center

A. Brush Pile \$24,000

Moore discussed the brush pile ground up with a cost of \$24,000, that's 3200-yards of tractor trailer loads at \$750.00 per load.

Dinzeo arrives at 6:05 PM

5. Curbside Collection

A. Nothing to Report

6. New Business

A. What's Recyclables – Lynn Peterson

Peterson suggested we find all the places where information is documented about recycling and make sure that they are all consistent.



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Clough shared that she was happy to see in the Dover Download that information about rules was there but when you click the link the information is inconsistent. She shared a Facebook group which is an unofficial City Site about Waste Management and the information they are putting on it.

Moore stated that some of the info is helpful but some of the information that is posted on the unofficial Facebook page he has addressed with Waste Management employees in the past as far as giving out incorrect information to the public. He stated he will be addressing it again.

Peterson suggested she would like to get some sort of an update on what is recyclable and how to recycle it properly.

Muffet-Lipinski shared information about when she was in Florida she noticed they used an 8x10 sticker that was on every single recycling bin with the directions of what and how to recycle.

Moore shared the stickers that currently go on bins if there are items in the bins that don't belong. The stickers are placed on the bins by Waste Management.

Casey likes the stickers that Waste Management puts on stating why they didn't take their recyclables but also thinks we do need a sticker or something for residents to know what is allowed and how to recycle items. He even suggested handing them out at Apple Harvest. We do need a sticker on the bin letting

Moore stated the whole idea of recycling is constantly changing. Not sure if a sticker will really make that much of a difference. He gave an example of wrapping paper which some are recyclable and some are not.

Peterson stated maybe the sticker should be more on how to pack the items in the recyclable bin.

Dinzeo stated he feels it is more of an educational issue and maybe start with the schools on educating kids.

Gilmore stated that sometimes the issue is people who have relocated to Dover and are still recycling the same way as the city or town they moved from.

Clough shared a website [Recyclesmartma.org](https://www.Recyclesmartma.org)

Moore stated the site is not specific to one community.

Moore shared that he gets an email every single day from Waste Management letting him know everyone whose trash or recycling wasn't picked up that day and why. It is very rare that there are more than 2 or 3 that are left.

Peterson states that people are over stuffing their recycling bins. She feels maybe a sticker would be a slight reminder of how to pack their recycling bin.

Clough agreed with having a sticker as well as a wall showing what to recycle.

Surman stated maybe put up a sign or add it to the sign no plastic bags in certain bins.



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Dinzeo stated he thought the signage was currently very informative at the center.

B. Ordinances – Lynn Peterson

Peterson wants to sit down to take a look at the ordinances and make sure they are up to date.

Moore confirmed they do need to be looked at and updated.

Peterson would like to do it sooner than later. She would like to tackle a few at a time during a meeting.

Surman stated she wants to make sure that City of Dover Residences can understand any updated ordinances. It will also be helpful for the new code enforcement officer as well.

Dinzeo stated we should find the correct timing to revise them, especially due to the feasibility study and code enforcement officer that he is hoping we get.

7. Old Business

A. Feasibility Study Update

Moore was voted on and okayed last night at the Council Meeting. Kessler Consulting out of Tampa FL is owned by two local guys that lived in Dover when they went to UNH.

We have a lot of information to provide to them that we are working on. Hopefully the study will commence the first week in March and be done by the end of July. Then August hopefully get the info out to the committee.

8. Set Future Meeting Date

February 9, 2023

9. Adjournment

Motion: Doug made the motion to adjourn at 7:01 pm, Katherine seconded.

Vote: U/a