

CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 13, 2023**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Gary Gilmore, Lynn Peterson, Kate Surman, Vice-Chair Dave Dinzeo

Member Unexcused Absent: Council Liaison, Michelle Muffet-Lipinski

Alternate Members Present: Deb Clough

Alternate Members Unexcused Absent: Chris Sleys, Tim Casey

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

Christine Baber the co-chair of the Dover Plastic Reduction Group spoke about the “Skip the Stuff Campaign” where they are contacting restaurants in Dover and providing them with posters to let their customers know that plastic to go products will only be supplied to them by request. There’s an information sheet with contacts and suggestion for alternative products for the restaurants as well. This is all to help educate the restaurants and customers to recycle. There’s also in the making a pilot for a plastic reuse alternative for takeout.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2023

Motion: Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes Surman, seconded.

Vote: U/a

4. Monthly Update

5. Recycling Center

A. Spring Staffing

Moore stated he has five people total that can work at the recycling center. Two of the five employees are currently out for a while, so only three people on staff that will work every weekend right now.

B. Brush Grinding

Moore stated they have been getting hit hard with brush, which he has had to reorganize where some of the piles go at the center.

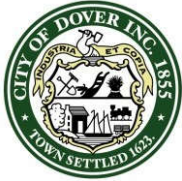
C. Major Sinkhole Repair

Moore talked about needing money for the scale which needs to be fixed. Maybe till mid-June till the scale is fixed. The scale weighs correctly it just won’t hold at zero. We have a pile of brush sitting on top of the sink hole that needs to be repaired.

6. Curbside Collection

A. WM Curbside Collection Staff

Moore met with the route and district manager for Waste Management about Facebook issues.



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7. New Business

A. Feasibility Study Update Check – Mike Moore

Moore gave an update on the Feasibility Study.

8. Old Business

A. Addressing the global plastics pandemic – Lynn Peterson

Peterson spoke about the fact that not everything is recyclable. Card board, glass and aluminum recycle well, but not everything does. She stated that other towns have given up plastic recycling, because the end result is so polluting. She also stressed that education is really important.

B. Website and brochure updates – Mike Moore

9. Set Future Meeting Date

May 11, 2023

10. Adjournment

Motion: Dinzeo made the motion to adjourn at 7:09 pm, Peterson seconded.

Vote: U/a