



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, December 14, 2023**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

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

Members Unexcused: Doug Kemp

Alternate Members Present: Deborah Clough, Tim Casey

Alternate Members Unexcused Absent: Chris Sleys

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

Resident Present: Bill Stafford

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

Stafford spoke about how impressed he was with the revenue from the dover bags which offsets the cost for trash pickup. He complimented Mike Moore and the committee for the job well done for the last 30 plus years. He also added that the possible direction of future toters could also be close to offsetting the cost to recycle.

Dinzeo spoke about how we recycled back when Dover started the recycling program.

Clough stated that people are complaining about the cost of trash disposal and recycling because people don't really know how much it actually costs to recycle and dispose of trash.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2023

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

Vote: U/a

4. Election of Officers

Motion: Peterson made a motion to elect Dinzeo Chairman, Casey seconded.

Vote: U/a

Motion: Peterson made a motion to elect Surman Vice-Chair, Dinzeo seconded.

Vote: U/a

5. Recycling Center

A. Brush Grinding

Moore stated that the leaves are still getting dropped off and as of today they just finished grinding all the brush. Looking at about \$35,000. He shared that there have always been two grinds per year. The first grind was in July and it was around \$52,000, which was high because it's usually around \$62,000 for two grinds. The issues with barriers have been better, however the residents are still pulling the bars off. He also stated he will be going back to one employee after the new year.

Surman asked the question how do the bars get pulled off?



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Moore shared about how the barriers are installed and how at times they themselves need to remove them. If we see residents trying to pull them out, we just inform them that they must stay in place for safety reasons.

Dinzeo asked for an update on the oil burner.

Moore shared it should be in within the next week or so.

6. Curbside Collection

A. Curbside Leaf Pickup

Moore shared that the leaf pickup is over and should be over 120 tons. He has tried to suggest to resident who have been aggravated with the new barriers to put their leaves curbside for the pickup. The most we have ever had a curbside pickup is 160 tons. He did state he would love to see over 200 tons from the curbside pickup.

7. New Business

Dinzeo asked about where we were at with the new budget.

Moore stated that the Director, John Storer has been working on the budget over the last few weeks. He also shared that he himself has handed in his mission statement paperwork as well as his estimates for curbside and recycling totals. He said the budget has to be done by the end of the month.

Clough shared her concerns of house hold hazardous waste that she pulled out and picked up from Tolend Road. She also picked up appliances and clothes. She feels that Glen Hill is also an issue with illicit trash being thrown out on those roads. She also shared that she called private contractors to get an idea of what they charge just as useful information for the committee. There is one senior plan and it costs \$30.00 per month. The others range from about \$33.00 - \$62.00 per month. So, for just seniors to hire a private trash pickup, they are paying a pretty high amount.

8. Old Business

Peterson asked who actually pays for the downtown trash cans.

Moore stated the City does and we still have most of the original ones, but we probably need to replace about six of them.

Clough shared what Portsmouth is using for downtown trash and recycling containers. They are using large industrial drums with Rubbermaid swinging door top on them for trash receptacles. They also have nicer ones that are taller and stationary with open holes on all sides.

Moore shared the difference in price compared to automated and semiautomated truck. The difference between the two vehicles is about \$18,000 dollars. Hopefully in February Kessler & Kessler will be doing a workshop.



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Peterson spoke how she would like to educate people about how to recycle and what they can recycle going into the next year. She also feels strong about looking into the safety at the recycling center and what we can do.

Casey would like to see a code enforcer for different issues come about and help to keep trash off the streets.

9. Set Future Meeting Dates

January 11, 2024

10. Adjournment

Motion: Casey made the motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., Gilmore seconded.

Vote: U/a