



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 18, 2024**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Dave Dinzeo, Vice-Chair Kate Surman, Gary Gilmore, Doug Kemp, Lynn Peterson, Council Liaison Debra Hackett

Alternate Members Present: Deborah Clough

Alternate Members Unexcused Absent: Tim Casey

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

Resident: Bill Stafford, Cardigan Loupis

UNH Students: Sophia Elliot, Christopher Brooks, Genevieve Ellison

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M.

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

3. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2024

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

Vote: U/a

4. Monthly Update

Moore went over the 2024 totals from last month which were off due to a bill that hadn't been sent over from Waste Management, it has since been corrected.

Hackett asked about the personnel and if we had sufficient number of employees at the center.

Moore stated he has a guy coming back on the 6th of May and has been able to keep three guys on all through April and hopefully all of May as well.

Dinzeo and Hackett shared about how the bag prices didn't increase.

5. Recycling Center & Operations Update

Moore shared that we are doing some work on all the barriers and the black iron pieces. He is looking to do a major cleanup at the center most likely on a Saturday in the near future. He is hoping to do one more grind before the end of the fiscal year.

Moore also shared that the highway department has been doing the pickup of storm debris and bringing it to the recycling center. He also shared that the NRRA helps us with cost savings to recycle propane tanks, electronics, tires, as well as other items. They seem to give the City the best deal.

Clough shared she just went to a work shop for NRRA and it was very informative.

Surman stated she was recently at the recycling center and she can attest to the barriers as far as how bad they look from usage.



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Clough shared she was talking to someone who isn't a resident that uses our recycling center that informed her that no one ever checks to confirm they are a resident. She feels we should address this issue and find a solution to check and confirm that only residents are able to access our Recycling Center.

6. New Business/

A. Recycling Contamination Costs and Culprits

Moore shared that most days he is a one man show and, on the weekend, we have another person but twice the traffic. He did share that a little bit of contamination at the center is still a green light, even though some stuff does go in bins that shouldn't. As far as the curbside, he said that Waste Management uses the orange stickers to help residents know why their stuff didn't get picked, so that does help with contamination curbside.

Peterson stated there are a lot of problems with what goes in the curbside bins. There is inconsistent information going out to residents. She feels we really have to educate our residents.

Clough stated that she feels they have started educating residents, but everyone needs to be giving out the same information.

Stafford asked what are the top plastic items that really contribute to contamination? If totters really happen maybe have some info printed on the totters to help educate. Such as what can and can't go in them.

Hackett suggested that maybe focus on the things that we can't recycling to not make it over whelming.

Clough stated maybe put plastic plant pots, Styrofoam, plastic bags/sheeting etc.

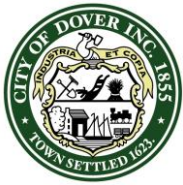
Students from UNH wanted to know what kind of stuff is not getting recycled in the correct way?

Moore stated it is mostly things we just don't except anyway. Less than 30-40% is illegal dumping. Some people dump stuff illegally that we actually take at the center for free.

Kemp stated he feels that a map of the recycling facility on the brochure would be very helpful as well as a video.

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A. Expand Outreach and How?



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B. Update on Ad Hoc

Dinzeo stated that he and Gary met with Chris Parker and they are waiting to hear from him, but are going to reach out again.

Kemp and Stafford stated they are both interested in being on the committee.

C. Update on Contract Extension

N/A

8. Set Future Meeting Dates

May 9, 2024

9. Adjournment

Motion: Gilmore made the motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM., Clough seconded.

Vote: U/a