



CITY OF DOVER

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO ADDRESS FEASIBILITY STUDY MINUTES

Meeting Type: Ad Hoc Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 28, 2024**
Meeting Time: **4:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Dave Dinzeo, Doug Kemp, Bill Stafford

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

2. Contract Extension

Spoke with legal about Ad Hoc and that was discussed primarily.

Kemp suggested that we want to be bold and ask for a ten-year contract.

Moore I would bet they want more.

3. Further Discussion on Report Structure

4. City vs Contractor

a. Truck costs – new, used, leased, size, ASL, camera/telemetry technology

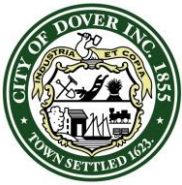
Moore shared that there are no enforcements, no trained mechanics to fix the type of vehicles we would need, the cost of toter repairs were be high, as well as the future route manager position would only pay \$46,000 a year. There would need to be a discussion as far as curbside bulky items, which would require a grapple truck. The daily operations haven't even been addresses. Moore will begin to research truck costs.

b. Number of stops - 7200

c. Disposal and Recycling Facility Options for Potential Providers

Kemp stated that we need to show and educate that in about 10 years the landfill will most likely close.

Moore stated that there may be other landfills that after they meet certain specs would be able to have more trash applied to them. He also shared that he would check with Pete Lachapelle about landfill capacities. He would question what the life of the current landfills are and where would everything go after the contract ?



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Kemp said it would be nice to have dumpsters at the recycling center that had the capability of compacting.

Moore suggested that we really need to move the recycling center to a new location. He also stressed that we really would need two more guys as far as staffing.

Kemp said they could build a huge transfer station and load up rail cars to drive up north.

Moore has been working with Waste Management for 5 years. Pinard, has been a great allie with the city but was having trouble with staffing, twelve years ago when they had 7 years left on the city's contract.

Moore stated Portland, ME does their own trash and recycling but they as well are having trouble with staffing.

Kemp stated that we need to show council everything as well as stressing that it would not be a good idea for the City to take on this endeavor

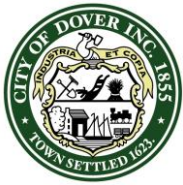
d. Experience of Other Communities such as Portsmouth, Concord, etc.

Dinzeo asked if Concord is taking over their own trash and recycling. They are taking over and using toters.

Moore stated that Portsmouth has 12 employees, 6 are picking up trash and 6 are working at their recycling center. They have 11 roll off containers, and they pick up curbside yard waste weekly. They are assessing their options and will probably continue to do it themselves. There is a possibility they will go to toters.

Stafford said many towns are still pay as you throw.

Moore said Portsmouth maybe going to toters but have been doing it for over 20 years and we the City of Dover haven't thrown a trash bag for over 34 years. He also shared that Concord's program worked with Pinard in the past. Portsmouth is keeping their city owned operation but replacing bags with toters. Casella has



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a 10-year contract with the incinerator in Concord to accept their trash. They have established a pilot program to use toters.

e. **Toter Costs -Quantity and sizes – the pricing model will further define**

5. Outreach and Education Ideas

Further discussion with occur at the June 6 SWAC meeting

Kemp stated we should share the information that we gather on City websites, Facebook, and possibly library session presentations.

Stafford shared that there are a lot of multifamily homes in town and most of the trash comes from them. He feels we need to develop a program for whomever owns the multifamily homes should be responsible for the trash.

Kemp spoke about winter months and multifamily buildings in a residential area. He questioned if we are going to be able to work together with the plow trucks. Coordinating the trash guys and plow guys so the toters can be put out without them being destroyed or not able to be picked up due to snow mounds. He also shared that the bar codes on the toters could get scratch at some point therefore we won't be able to track the toter and the resident wouldn't be charged.

Moore asked why would the city want to take the trash over, when we won't really benefit from it at all.

Stafford stated it would be good to have the extension in order prepare and get a better idea of what the costs are really going to be.

6. Set Future Meeting Dates

June 11, 2024

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.