



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, October 10, 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

Members Unexcused: Tim Casey

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

Residents: Genevieve Ellison, Morgan Little, Jill Carmichael

The absence of an audio recording for this meeting is due to equipment malfunction.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

3. Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2024

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

Vote: U/a

4. Old Business

Gilmore thanked Lynn, Deb, and Nancy for helping out at Apple Harvest Day.

Peterson shared information about how many people came to the SWAC booth and what type of questions were asked.

5. Monthly Update

Dinzeo went over monthly reports.

6. Ad Hoc Committee Update

Dinzeo shared that he intends to deliver the recommendation within the next two weeks to council. He also shared that Mike Moore, Solid Waste Coordinator, has done a lot of the research as far as what other communities are currently doing. He stated we have found most communities are using 64-gallon toters. We have 29 private roads that are currently grandfathered, that we intend to continue to service. Private roads that are not on that list will not be included in the future service. Bulky waste would be about \$30.00 per item, and we are looking for a way to possibly cut down the cost to make it more palatable to the residents. He also shared that we are looking at offering smaller toters for elderly and disabled persons. They would need to submit and



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file a petition for the smaller totter.

Moore shared that many communities didn't get too many people wanting a smaller totter. He also stated that the residents would be paying the same price regardless of the totter size.

Dinzeo did state that we haven't settled on large businesses and large families as far as if we want to offer any other option.

Clough shared that there are many green trash bags that get placed curbside downtown and they tend to block parking meters, making it difficult at certain times to get to the meters in order to pay to park.

Moore stated a few totters will take up less space than the multiple green trash bags on the side of the street.

Dinzeo shared there will be a charge for recycling regardless for those who choose to use private trash companies. There will be no turn on or turn off of accounts for people who take a vacation or live part of the year elsewhere. It is a flat monthly fee and we are looking at a utility type billing system.

Surman asked in the future will I be paying a fee to use the recycling center?

Dinzeo stated it will be up to council to make that decision.

Hackett stated she has not received any negative feedback about the proposal so far.

Dinzeo stated that we are going to have to change some of the ordinances especially residents that currently can bring recycling to the nearest street from where they live.

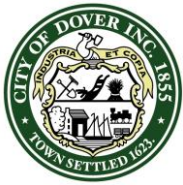
Moore stated he doesn't have any of the answers as far as some of the smaller streets and or tighter streets, but we will figure it out before we put everything in place. He shared that he would like Pete Lachapelle from Waste Management to be at the next apple harvest day with SWAC to educate people.

7. New Business

Dinzeo shared information about the composting pilot that is in the local schools which is all funded by a grant.

Peterson expressed that maybe the recycling center hours could add one evening shift for residents who work and can't make during the current hours?

Moore stated if we had another employee at the center than maybe we could open one



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evening. He did share that at one time they did have a day where they were open from 10 am – 6 pm, but that was probably about 14 years ago.

8. Set Future Meeting Dates

November 14, 2024

December 12, 2024

January 9, 2025

9. Adjournment

Motion: Clough made the motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m., Surman seconded.

Vote: U/a