

CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, November 14, 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, Tim Casey

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

None

3. Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2024

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

Vote: U/a

4. Old Business

None

5. Monthly Update

6. Ad Hoc Committee Update

Dinzeo shared that he submitted our report to the City Manager. He shared that he will be attending a meeting on the 28th of November with Pete Lachapelle, John Storer, Mike Moore and the City Manager to go over the contract extension. He also shared that Bill Stafford and Dave Dinzeo did a podcast with Chris Parker. The report has been issued.

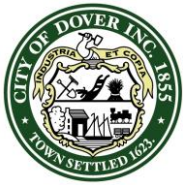
Hackett shared there should be a workshop in January to go over the recommendation then it will go before the City Council.

Moore stated we should have a better time line after the meeting on November 28th.

Casey attended at 6:07pm.

Peterson shared a thank you to Dinzeo and the Ad Hoc Committee for all their hard work and professional presentations that were given.

Hackett also thanked and shared her appreciation to Dinzeo as well.



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7. New Business

A. FY26 Bag & Tag Prices

Dinzeo asked do we raise the cost of bags and tags? He talked about the Solid Waste Fund and the General Fund.

Moore went over the handout and explained how the budget was done and what the recommended proposal was that was submitted. He stated by mid-December, the final recommendation will be submitted.

Dinzeo went over the two pricing models.

Peterson shared that she doesn't feel we should raise the prices of anything in order to keep as many people in the systems as we can.

Surman questioned the info about wages and what fund they come out of.

Moore explained how the different funds work and he feels the issue is the funds originally were split 50/50. But now if he had to guess it's probably more like 75% used by recycling and 25% is solid waste.

Moore shared if the rental price of the toters is too high it's not going to look good and we will lose residents right from the beginning. We need to stay competitive with the smaller guys.

Hackett shared that she doesn't use recycling now because she has private trash. She shared she would pay for it though. She shared that she has been contributing to composting.

Dinzeo agreed that the toters need to be affordable as well.

Hackett shared that it would be healthier and aesthetically pleasing with toters especially downtown near where people park.

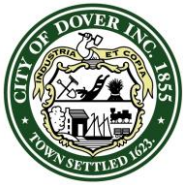
Hackett shared info about the corner on Leathers Lane with continuous bulky items such as numerous mattresses etc.

Surman stated that's why we need a code enforcer officer.

Clough shared that there are drawstring trash bags that are being left next to public receptacles throughout downtown.

Motion: Peterson made the Motion to keep bag and tags prices the same with the budget adjustments, Kemp seconded.

Vote: U/a



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Moore shared info and history of the Leathers Lane issue, multi units can put their recyclables and bulky items on the nearest City Street due to the ordinance that was created. He shared that even having a sign there, which is not being read. The problem seems to be a bulky item problem with Waste Management. They can only pick up 18,000 lbs. with their trucks. The trucks are getting full by the end of the day and can't get everything because they will be over the limit. They currently don't have a Saturday truck, due to shortage of personnel. He shared the issues of bulky items and why there are so many items not getting picked up and how tags get stolen.

Surman shared her concern again that we need to enforce these issues with a code enforcer.

Peterson asked if there was any way to get the downtown trash cans emptied on Saturdays and Sundays?

Moore stated the City did a couple years ago, but they don't have enough help. He has always been in favor of having the City do it.

Moore stated there is no overtime or employees to do it.

Clough wanted to know if there is a plan to replace the existing trash cans for Henry Law Park?

Moore stated it is in the plan to get new ones.

B. Education and Outreach Planning

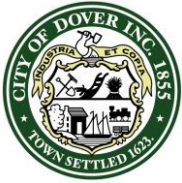
Dinzeo shared as soon as we know that we have the vote that the city is going to toters we will need help with outreach.

Clough asked what she could use for new tips for residence for recycling. She asked for some new ideas. Do we want to try to educate people on reduction? We could also be educating people on how to reduce their waste.

Peterson stated that should be our ultimate goal.

Kemp shared maybe reaching out to the state or the NRRA, or a group that puts out trends and documents that might help tell you where the industry is going.

Clough as well as other members shared that they would really like to go to Billerica MRF.



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8. Set Future Meeting Dates

December 12, 2024 (Election of Officers)

January 9, 2025

February 13, 2025

9. Adjournment

Motion: Kemp made the motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., Clough seconded.

Vote: U/a