



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, January 9, 2024**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

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

Alternate Members Present: Deborah Clough, Tim Casey, Virginia Kristl

Members Excused Absent: Kate Surman

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

Citizens – Deb Ballantyne, Cindy Nix, Dana C. Lynch

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

Lynch expressed his concerns for City trash removal and recycling for private roads moving forward. He's a member of the homeowner's association for Waldron Falls. He did also share that there is an ordinance that states a private road can apply for the services of trash removal as long as the road meets the qualifications. The ordinance is Section (145.12). He is interested in learning more with their own private trash removal.

Ballantyne shared her main concern is with the number of excluded houses that are on private roads. Another concern is that she hopes there are enough private companies that can support trash for the private roads if indeed that is the route they would have to go. She also questioned if there was an emergency management plan in place?

Nix shared her concern was if the private roads aren't included, why should she be charged a fee to use the recycling center which was talked about.

Dinzeo shared he doesn't actually see that to be a service that will probably be enforced.

Hackett spoke about the time frame and what SWAC does as well as how the decisions will be made moving forward. She did share that the solid waste industry is changing and SWAC was told they had to look into making changes that would work for the City of Dover.

3. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2024

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

Vote: U/a



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4. Monthly Update

Moore stated we are about 100 tons light on recycling for the year. Could have a few more residents trending towards using private services which reflect the bags sales. Moore also shared he had a big grind at the recycling center that was around \$29,000 which is lower than usual.

Dinzeo asked about what is going on next year's budget?

Moore shared he has about \$18,000 for two new roll off cans for the center. He usually only has half of that for one container every year. He has two cans that are over twenty-five years old and two more cans that are over twenty years old. They typically should last for about eight to ten years. He spoke about the straps and how he needs them to keep the cans closed for safety purposes. He also spoke about the scale repair and roll off truck which was a large expense last year.

5. Old Business

A. Discuss Council Workshop held on January 8th

Kemp stated Dinzeo did a great job speaking at the workshop about trying to keep up with the current way trash and recycling is being done.

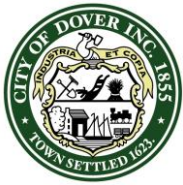
Casey shared that we will have a year to a year and a half to work out any of the bugs.

Lynch asked how are they going to handle the billing?

Clough shared she thought Joyal's summary at the end was great. She shared that there were residents who felt that it would be unfair if one person has more trash than another, why should they all pay the same. She felt that Joyal explained it well, that we all have an obligation as a community to do the right thing when it comes to trash and recycling.

Moore shared that the Adhoc Committee met weekly for six months and the discussions were great, they really went over every aspect of it. He alone researched 14-15 communities and everything the Adhoc has recommended did come from successful communities that had gone this route. A Councilor had a question last night about the toters. The toters will stay at the address it is assigned to not an individual. There will be over 16,000 toters out there. He is proud of all the hard work the Adhoc Committee did as far as gathering all the information to get to this point.

Kemp shared about technology changes, the future software that is going to be able to determine excessive weight in trash toters, which then in turn there might be a penalty.



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Hackett shared how proud she was of everyone on the Adhoc Committee. She also shared that next week council will have to vote on the contract. This is about the safety and health of our community. We are unfortunately not going to be able to customize it per person. She also shared what an important part of being a citizen is volunteering and helping to make Dover a better place.

Dinzeo thanked Hackett for her service.

6. New Business

Moore shared that Peterson has organized about six people that are interested in the field trip to Waste Management Processing Facility on February 3rd. The plant manager is Mike Campbell and he said that the tour would be about two hours, starting at 10:00 am. Moore did share that they will allow photos to be taken. The address is 72 Salem Road Billerica, MA.

Clough shared about Styrofoam recycling. She feels it is something that we should look into doing this year. Gilford has a densifier and they accept everyone's Styrofoam. They are the only one in the state of NH. There are towns and cities that will be hosting a two-hour window to accept it. It will be put into trucks to then haul up to Gilford, NH. Then it is sold to a company in Canada that makes insulation.

Kemp asked about glass recycling and what a mess it used to be. Is there any place that recycles that currently?

Moore said a lot of cities have eliminated it from recycling.

Clough asked if we can ban plastic sales of bags or charge for them?

Hackett shared there are towns that do currently charge for them; however, you would need an ordinance to ban plastic bags or charge for plastic bags.

Dinzeo questioned Peterson about maybe collaborating with the plastic group.

Peterson said yes, they would love it. Unfortunately, we keep producing plastic.

7. Set Future Meeting Dates

February 13, 2025

March 13, 2025

April 10, 2025

8. Adjournment

Motion: Kemp made the motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m., Casey seconded.

Vote: U/a