



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, February 13, 2025**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

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

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

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

Citizens: Kelsey Sullivan

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

Sullivan shared that she is a Dover resident just interested in learning more about the Solid Waste Program in Dover.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2024

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

Vote: U/a

4. Monthly Update

Moore went over financials.

5. New Business

A. Contract Extension Update

Moore shared he doesn't believe the contract has been signed yet. There are items that still need to be sorted out as far as pricing within the five-year proposal instead of the ten year one. There was discussion about municipal dumpsters and their sizes. The City is still in negotiation with Waste Management on the totter sizes. Everything the Adhoc proposed came from researching other communities and what they have been doing successfully for years.

B. Education Discussion

C. FY26 Budget & Bag Price Update

Dinzeo briefly read through the budget proposal and saw 1.58 million for solid waste and 1.82 million for recycling, for a total of 3.4 million. Two (2) new employees were proposed. Dinzeo also stated bag and tag would be eliminated and everything would be put into the general fund. This would mean that bag and tag wouldn't change for two years.



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D. MRF Tour

Moore did speak with LaChapelle from Waste Management and he is looking for a Wednesday or Friday date that everyone could attend? The committee recommended Friday, March 7th. Moore will double check with Waste Management and let the committee know.

E. Plastic Bags Charge and HB 479

Dinzeo shared he heard about a voluntary single use plastic bag ban.

Gilmore shared he will find out about the bill and share it at the next meeting. Portsmouth charges for a bag at the time of purchase. He said there are other towns that do as well.

Kristl shared that California doesn't use plastic bags.

Surman talked about Aldi's and how they don't use bags at all.

Clough shared her concerns that more people are using soft plastic bags.

Casey suggested maybe using bags that are compostable, and maybe the stores in Dover could use them or possibly start charging for bags.

Peterson recommended maybe giving local stores a time frame of when they should stop using single use soft plastic bags. Customers would have to bring their own bags and no single use plastic bags would be available.

Kristl shared that she thinks it would be better to support the bill on the state level before just trying to get local stores to do this.

Hackett stated that there would have to be an ordinance in place in order to eliminate single use soft plastic bags in stores.

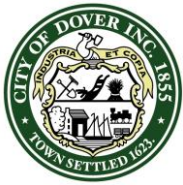
Motion: Gilmore made a recommendation that the City Council adopts a five-cent charge per single use plastic bags for Dover grocery stores, Kristl seconded.

Vote: U/a

6. Old Business

A. Don't Trash Dover, 4/26

Clough shared the Earth Fest 2025 will take place on April 12th from 10 am – 2 pm. It will be held in the auditorium at City Hall.



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7. Set Future Meeting Dates

March 13, 2025

April 10, 2025

May 8, 2025

8. Adjournment

Motion: Casey made the motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m., Kristl seconded.

Vote: U/a