

CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, May 8, 2025**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Vice-Chair, Gary Gilmore, Lynn Peterson, Council Liaison, Debra Hackett

Members Excused Absent: Chairman, Dave Dinzeo, Katherine Surman, Doug Kemp

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

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

Citizens Present: Bill Stafford, Bruce Wilson

1. Call to Order

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

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

Stafford shared at the last meeting there was discussion about when the contract was going to be signed and it seemed like it was taking a while. He shared his concerns of multifamily units that don't take as much pride in their recycling and trash as a single family. He stressed the need for education for property owners of two-family and three-family units as far as being compliant with recycling and trash. Residents are putting recyclable items in a paper bag instead of a bin, which results in debris blowing all over the place. He stressed that property owners need to inform their tenants of the rules associated with recycling and trash pickup.

Casey shared that once the property owners are aware that trash and recycling will now be coming out of their taxes, maybe it will motivate them to be more involved. He shared that he wished there was going to be a code enforcer.

Peterson shared that there had been discussions previously, but until we knew what the contract was actually going to be, we couldn't make any changes in the ordinances. She suggests that we look at them again and make some changes.

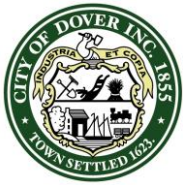
Clough shared she agrees with the educating of property owners of four (4) units and up. She also made a suggestion to maybe doing a Dover Podcast for Channel 22 on how to pack and what to put in your recycle bin.

Peterson agreed as well and any apartment buildings, the landlords should have to post info about what is expected from tenants for trash and recycling.

Moore shared that he agrees with the education portion for landlords.

Clough shared that she would like to see the recycling page on the website as well as the brochure updated and provide a more detailed explanation to residents on how to recycling as well as provide examples, photos and the most common things to recycle.

Wilson who is an HOA board member in Dover shared that he was attending the meeting because he is currently trying to educate his members as well. He did thank the Committee for



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their continued work.

3. Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2025

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

Vote: U/a

4. Monthly Update

Moore went over the reports and shared the bag and tag sales may go up more next month due to UNH students moving out and getting rid of stuff.

Hackett asked about the next Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Moore shared it should go out to bid in the next couple of weeks and he should know by the first or second week of June. Flyers will then go out informing residents. He did share that he likes holding it the last week in August, and if he can't get that date hopefully one of the first few weeks in September.

Clough asked are people going to be able to bring vapes to the Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Moore shared information about vapes as far as what they are and what they contain. He did share that the lithium batteries and liquid nicotine which are found in some can be explosive. You can't recycle them without breaking and getting the lithium battery out. They are considered Hazardous Waste. He stated that if we were to have a 5-gallon bucket at the event to accept them, it could cost us around \$1,100.00. He doesn't think that we are going to get too many of them that day if we choose to accept them.

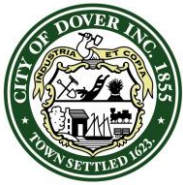
5. New Business

None

6. Old Business

A. Contract Extension Update

Moore shared that he received an email yesterday from the City Manager that he was looking for any comments from John Storer, Community Service Director; Jennifer Perez, Deputy City Attorney; and Mike Moore, Solid Waste Coordinator. The contract should be away for Waste Management's final signatures by next week. He did share that it will still state 64-gallon totes for both trash and recycling and three units or less will be eligible for the program. The biggest question is how we will handle the bulky program. Waste Management will be picking up bulky items two times per week, off of a running list. How residents are going to pay for it and how much it's going to cost is still on the table to be finalized. He shared that he would like to keep it at \$10.00.



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B. Recycling Center Job Posting

Moore shared the job posting was put up Tuesday and will be up for a week. It will be closed after next week and then interviews will begin. Cheryl Dwyer the office manager and himself will be conducting the interviews. He is hoping to have between 3-5 candidates. He also shared that he is hopeful to have someone picked by June 5th and then start by July 1st.

C. MRF Tour – Wednesday, May 7th

Moore shared he wished he had more info to share about why things were not told to us at the very beginning about certain safety equipment that is now required for anyone touring the facility. He hasn't heard back from Waste Management as far as his questions in regards to the new safety rules.

D. Don't Trash Dover

Clough shared that last year they had 283 people attend and they picked up just over a ton and this year we had bad weather and we had 166 people and they picked up a ton and a half. She was really grateful for all that showed up. She thanked Moore for all his help as well.

7. Set Future Meeting

June 5, 2025
July 10, 2025
August 14, 2025

8. Adjournment

Motion: Casey made the motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m., Clough seconded.

Vote: U/a