

CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, April 9, 2026**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chair, Dave Dinzeo; Vice Chair, Doug Kemp; Gary Gilmore; Lynn Peterson; Katherine Surman; Council Liaison, April Richer

Alternates: Virginia Kristl, Timothy Casey

Staff Present: Todd Cormier, Solid Waste Assistant, Nancy Usbelger, Recording Secretary

Citizens Present: William Stafford, Paige Wilson, Bruce Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Citizens Forum (5 min. max.)

Wilson introduced herself as a local resident who also works for the Solid Waste Bureau with NHDES. She is here to learn about the new trash and recycling disposal system with toters that will be implemented in 2027. She inquired about the toters eligibility.

Dinzeo explained that three units or less, some private roads and some downtown businesses are eligible as well for the toters. He also told her there is a vacancy on the SWAC Committee.

Stafford stated that property owners should be included in the education and ordinances. Tenants leave their recycling on the street, where it blows everywhere, and landlords don't properly maintain their properties or educate their tenants.

Gilmore arrived at 6:07 pm.

Wilson stated he was present at many private road-related discussions last year. After receiving a letter, he had some inquiries regarding the application process.

Dinzeo stated that he would look into this and get back to him. Wilson gave him a copy of the letter that he received.

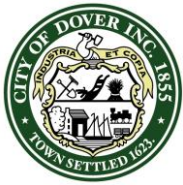
3. Approval of Minutes of January 8, 2025

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

Vote: U/a

4. Monthly Update

According to Cormier, locals are beginning to bring bags containing leaves to the recycling facility. Some contamination is still an issue. Other items are being placed in the bags with the leaves by the residents.



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5. New Business

A. Annual Report Tonnage

According to Cormier, it is essentially the same as it was the previous year.

B. City & Waste Management Initial Meeting on Toter Logistics

Cormier discussed ways to get Waste Management trucks out to Durrell Street, Nute Road, Ferns Court, and other smaller/tighter streets during yesterday's meeting. They are also considering altering the signs and parking on particular streets.

Richer asked when will the toters be delivered to the City?

Dinzeo stated that the date should be in the middle to late part of June 2027, and Waste Management promised to collaborate with the Planning Department to determine eligibility and provide an address with a serial number.

C. Approval of Private Ways

According to Dinzeo, any private roads must be approved by the City and Waste Management in order to be eligible for future toters.

According to Peterson, the City and Waste Management must be trusted to make that decision.

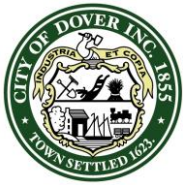
Richer stated that she believes asking the SWAC is excessive, but she has seen feedback within other committees about other topics. She believes that having SWAC assist with the final choice is sometimes helpful because it gives the residents a third opinion.

Gilmore stated that he wouldn't mind serving as a go-between to examine and offer advice to citizens who are contesting.

Surman feels it might be valuable for SWAC to get involved.

Motion: Dinzeo made a motion that in general, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee will not be involved with any decisions for private ways, based on technical review by the Community Services Department and Waste Management unless specifically approached by private ways citizens, Casey seconded.

Vote: U/a



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A. Upcoming Budget

B. Ordinances

Peterson proposed that a landlord might put up a sign in the building explaining how the new totter program operates. They ought to get a welcome letter with the program details when you reinstate as a property owner or tenant. In order to clarify what may and cannot be included in recycling, Peterson also discussed education. She believes that all residents will need to learn the new system if we can teach people about that element immediately. She wants to begin doing it right away.

Krystl dislikes the original brochure that is distributed and believes it should be changed as soon as possible. Then maybe go to groups and give a short talk.

Cormier shared that Moore is working on the ordinances.

C. Carry in and Carry Out

Peterson would like to wait for the totter program to see if it clears up any of the issues with overflowing trash cans.

Kristl stated she want like to review a new brochure and validate the information before sending it out to residents.

Richer suggested adding the composting aspect to the education as well. She even suggested doing an event with local restaurants and breweries doing a trivia about trash.

Kemp proposed forming a second Ad Hoc Committee to focus just on education and to help support Mike Moore.

Motion: Casey made a motion to create an AdHoc Committee to cover education, Dinzeo Seconded.

Vote:U/a

Discussion: Kristl, Peterson, and Wilson all stated they would like to all be part of the Education AdHoc Committee and start it in July.

7. Set Future Meeting

May 14, 2026

June 11, 2026

July 19, 2026

8. Adjournment

Motion: Casey made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m., Kemp seconded.

Vote: U/a