

**MINUTES  
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MARCH 16, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dave Dinzeo – Chairman; Ed McCabe; Doug Kemp; Gary Gilmore; Judy Mettee; Joseph Nicolella; Jim Sconyers; Councilor Harvey Turner

**PRESENT:** Michael Moore – Solid Waste Coordinator; Tammy Bougie – Recording Secretary; Mike Joyal – City Manager; Doug Steele – Interim Community Services Director; Todd Cormier – Solid Waste Assistant; Paul Gibons – Resident; Rick Hebbard – Resident; Mary Hebbard – Resident

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Linda Brennan; Paul Smith

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Ed, seconded by Dave the minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous.

**MONTHLY UPDATE:** The update was discussed and approved. The Solid Waste Fund Balance was discussed in terms of what the surplus should be. Mike Joyal explained the general rule is the surplus should be 10% of operating costs.

**RECYCLING CENTER:** Mike handed out the Annual Report showing all tonnages are up from last year. The monthly metal collection was discussed and Mike explained that with anywhere from 30 to 100 stops in a month it would cost the City of Dover substantially more than the \$32 an hour that John Davis charges if they were to do it themselves. The current price of metal is \$85 per ton. With all of the wind, the center has been busy receiving and hauling brush. Freon is continually being extracted at the center, with another 21 units complete. The center will begin its Sunday hours on April 16<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup>; hours of operation are 8am to 2pm.

**a. Madbury Contract:** Mike met with Madbury Selectman, Joe Moriarty. The Town of Madbury is happy with the services at the center and wish to renew their contract. A new resolution is being written to add more history and the contract will be extended.

**CURBSIDE COLLECTION:**

**a. Tonnages, Pinard vs. WMI:** Due to an increase in tonnage Mike compared daily tonnage slips to invoices and Pinard's tonnages are accurate. With both the tonnage increase and the increase in tipping fees the Commission feels in order to keep a surplus in the Solid Waste Fund the bag/tag prices also need to be increased. This increase will take affect July 1, 2006 and will also be used to offset the additional cost of continuing the private pickups. Dave passed out a summary showing many price options for comparison. Joe also brought options to the table for comparison. The bag/tag price increase was tabled until the April meeting, at which time the budget will be discussed. Mike brought up how some other communities have sold advertising on their trash bags to generate revenue. He will look into this and see if offering it to local businesses would be an advertising option.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Private Residential Areas:** The City Council voted against the Commissions recommendation to stop curbside pickup on private streets. Adding these additional 472 homes will cost an additional \$22,000 annually. Much discussion followed pertaining to liability and what the City of Dover would require in terms of insurance and Release of Liability waiver. There will be an amendment to the ordinance to reflect these requirements. There were many suggestions including grand fathering the current privates being picked up to making it mandatory that a Home Owners Association be formed in order for new privates to qualify for curbside pickup. Also, the Planning Board will redefine private streets and the services they receive. Paul Gibons, Nicholas Circle Homeowners Association, said in his opinion, the increase in bag prices is worth being able to continue receiving curbside pickup.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Tolend Road Landfill Overview:** Mike Joyal spoke on the many issues that still need to be explored with reusing the landfill. From capping the landfill to the leaching systems these ideas are still conceptual. There will be more public meetings to discuss all of the options and concerns with reusing the landfill. The City of Dover wants to make certain that the decision will be in the best interest of the residents both financially and environmentally to ensure quality of life. Some positives to reusing the landfill would be the clean up of the site would be quicker and it would generate revenue.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 6:00 pm.