

**MINUTES
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION
AUGUST 17, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Dinzeo – Chairman; Joseph Nicolella; Gary Gilmore; Ed McCabe; Councilor Harvey Turner

PRESENT: Mike Moore – Solid Waste Coordinator; Tammy Bougie – Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Kemp; Judy Mettee; Jim Sconyers; Linda Brennan; Paul Smith

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June's minutes were approved on a motion by Gary and seconded by Ed.

MONTHLY UPDATE:

- a. **Year End Results:** June's financial weren't available therefore no year-end report could be provided. The Committee has requested both trash and recycling monthly tonnages/disposal figures be added to the report.
- b. **New Fees Collection/Tipping:** Tipping fees have gone from \$76.50/ton to \$79.48/ton. The CPI for both solid waste and recycling collection is 3.9%.

RECYCLING CENTER:

- a. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection, September 23:** The Collection will begin at 9 am and end at 1 pm. This will be advertised in the fall Community Notes, on Channel 22, City of Dover's website, local radio stations and in Foster's.
- b. **Yard Waste Program:** Due to the protected water area, there is currently no space available for the onsite chipping of the brush. Therefore, the program is put on hold for further research. The program savings were noted as \$12,000 annually but should have been \$6,000 annually.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION: Due to injuries incurred by glass and other sharp objects being put into trash bags, a reminder has been put in the fall Community Notes asking residents to remember to wrap sharp objects in newspaper before placing them in the trash bag.

Curbside leaf collection has been scheduled for the following weeks: October 30th – November 3rd and again November 13th – November 17th on the regular trash day.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Trash Bags:** Due to complaints varying from bag strength to size (not fitting over a 30 gallon can), the new drawstring bags were compared side by side to one of the older bags and to new sample bags. Samples were sent from Phoenix Recycling at Mike's request. After much discussion and comparison the Commission is recommending the following changes to be implemented for the next order. For strength, the thickness will go from 1.5ml to 1.6 ml. For size, to have a wider mouth, which will fit over the top of a 30-gallon trashcan. They have also requested that the color be changed to the darker green of the older bags. The cost for the changes is estimated at approximately \$5000, which is not expected to affect bag prices.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2006 at 6:00 pm.