

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Conference Room – 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Thursday, January 15, 2009**
Meeting Time: **6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Dinzeo – Chairman, Doug Kemp, Gary Gilmore, Joe Nicolella, Judy Mettee

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug DeDe – Council Representative, Ed McCabe

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Moore – Solid Waste Coordinator, Meghan Moisan – SWAC Secretary

NON MEMBERS PRESENT: Allan Krans – City Attorney, Annie Dove – IT Director

Chairman Dinzeo called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

1. Appropriate Use – City Attorney: Attorney Krans distributed a letter from the City Manager and an updated policy regarding the acceptable use of the Municipal Information Technology Systems and Services (MITSS). Krans explained the advantages of signing the policy and using City e-mail but warned there would be no expectation of privacy. Although voluntary, he encouraged all boards to sign.

2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the October 16, 2008 meeting were reviewed and accepted with the following provision:

Under Item 3C, the word ‘vice’ should be changed to ‘instead of’.

Motion: Judy Mettee made a motion to approve the minutes.

Second: Joe Nicolella seconded the motion.

Vote: U/A

3. Monthly Update: The commission reviewed the most recent financial information and compared the chart for the partial FY09 balance to previous years. Members agreed to have the FY03 through FY05 information removed to make the charts less clustered and more readable. The recent balance increase was discussed and most likely attributed to the transfer of clean wood to the C&D bin and the C&D price increase from 5¢ to 7¢ per pound.

A. Bag Prices - A bag price increase was discussed but it was decided that it would not be necessary at this time.

4. Recycling Center:

A. Brush Grinding – An unscheduled brush grinding is taking place this Friday due to the large amount taken in as a result of the ice storm. Mike estimates they will probably have to grind 2 more times by July but does anticipate being reimbursed by FEMA for the costs

associated with one of the three grinding sessions. Mike also discussed the City's roadside brush cleanup where a contractor was hired to help pickup debris caused by the storm.

B. Vehicle Permits – After discussions with the Town of Madbury, Mike agreed to take over the distribution of vehicle permits for their residents at the Center. He also explained the FY08 permits would be valid though the fiscal year and therefore, the FY09 stickers won't be issued until after June 30, 2009.

5. Curbside Collection:

A. Trash Ordinance Update – Mike expressed that the updates to the trash ordinances have made things a bit challenging so far but they are working on straightening things out. Since January he has only issued 1 violation, however, a subsequent violation at the same location was received today and he was forced to consult with the City Attorney because of the property owner's refusal to pay. Mike stated that illegal dumping has been the biggest problem so far. The cost of removal before January 1st was \$135, which is the minimum disposal rate at Waste Management, as well as a \$40 fee to cover the cost of the employee and the vehicle. Since January, the ordinance was updated to not only include the cost of removal but a fee of \$25 per day. Mike has already met with Chief Colarusso to go over a schedule of fees; all funds collected will be deposited into the general fund.

B. Leaf Pickup Update - The final count for the 3 weeks of fall leaf pickup came in at 177 tons. Although an extra week of pickup was added this year, the numbers were very similar to last year's 171 tons.

6. Old Business:

A. South Berwick Town Meeting Update – Per last meeting's discussion, South Berwick's Interim Town Manager, Roberta Orsini, had requested one of our members present at their town meeting on November 5th regarding the Bag and Tag program they were seeking to adopt. Gilmore and Nicolella had offered to make a presentation; however, they were unable to attend because the specifics could not be confirmed with Orsini.

7. New Business:

A. FY10 Budget Preparation – Mike still has to meet with the Director to go over the budget but did discuss changing the C&D funds over to Recycling, where he believes it should have been in the first place. Members discussed possible ways to bring in additional revenue, such as imposing a small fee to vehicle registrations which would benefit the vehicle reclamation fund and help with auto related waste at the Center. Another possible source of funds could be obtained if the state passes a "penny per bottle" tax, which is estimated to bring in about \$10,000,000 of revenue to the state per year. A portion of this, if approved, would likely be distributed back into the communities.

8. Adjournment:

Motion: Judy Mettee made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM.

Second: Doug Kemp seconded the motion.

Vote: U/A.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 6:00 PM.