



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Conference Room – 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Thursday, August 19, 2010**
Meeting Time: **6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Dinzeo – Chairman, Doug Kemp, Ed McCabe, Doug DeDe, Judy Mettee, Joe Nicolella

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Garrison – Council Representative, Gary Gilmore

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

Chairman Dinzeo called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the May 20, 2010 meeting were reviewed.

To be politically correct, DeDe asked for the wording under Section 3 (Recycling Center) to be changed, suggesting the word “man” be changed to “staff” and “manpower” to “staffing”.

Motion: DeDe made a motion to accept the minutes.

Second: Kemp seconded the motion.

Vote: U/A.

2. Monthly Update: Financial reports were still not available for this meeting. Dinzeo stated he has been in contact with Stacey Hager and Dan Lynch and was working on obtaining more up-to-date reports. The current fund balance stands at approximately \$52,000.

A. New Tipping Fee – The new tipping fee is \$65 per ton, which is down significantly from last year’s cost of \$85 per ton.

B. Transition to new contract – Moore stated the transition has gone well so far. Pinard has taken over the pick-up of trash in the downtown and parks. They are currently working on selecting the new decreative cans for trash and recycling for the downtown as well as relocating the current ones to the parks. Moore stated they received sample cans, which had the words “trash” and “recycling” down the side in large print, but were not well liked by some. Moore brought the members out back to see the samples after he was asked if they could view them. He stated they would be purchasing 20 sets at a cost of \$1100 per set (as included in the contract). Members liked the fact that the cans were clearly labeled and believed the current ones in use were not working very well because they only displayed symbols and were not as clear. DeDe felt the new cans were “clear without being ostentatious”.

Motion: Mettee made a motion to recommend using the cans Moore showed the members, noting she liked the look of them, thought they are clearly marked and would like to move forward with them.

Second: McCabe seconded the motion.

Vote: Nicolella abstained due to late arrival, remaining members all approved; motion passed.

Moore stated he met with a Pinard representative regarding advertising. As agreed in the new contract, they will be taking over the mass mailings (to include the curbside leaf pickup), setting up a booth at Apple Harvest Day, doing monthly radio announcements, as well as conducting 4 school presentations annually. Members discussed the importance of the school presentations and Nicolella offered to help out when the time came.

3. Recycling Center:

A. Fall Hours – There will be no fall hours this year. The Recycling Center will maintain the current schedule: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

MXI Inc. was selected again for the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection, to be held on Saturday, September 18th from 9AM – 1PM at the Public Works Garage.

B. \$25 minimum for residential C&D – Members discussed the new \$25 minimum fee for C&D disposal, which had just increased on July 1st from \$5. Residents are charged 8¢ per pound and contractors 11¢ per pound and both have a minimum fee of \$25 per load. DeDe stated he was originally told the minimum fee would be \$100 but was negotiated down to \$25. A resident would have to dump over 300 pounds of debris in order to meet this minimum. He said he sent an e-mail to the City Council and plans to speak during the next meeting's public forum. He also felt the Council Representative should have taken a stronger position during the meeting since the decision was against what the commission had discussed and felt their recommendations were ignored. Members agreed there should be a minimum charge in place, but felt that \$25 was too high. McCabe brought up possible safety concerns associated with residents hanging onto their C&D material and noted an increase in illegal dumping since the rate increase took place. He also felt that the objective of SWAC is to promote recycling and encourage residents to use the Center and this new fee only acts as a disincentive. When asked how many, Mike stated a "fair amount" of people drive off from the scale, refusing to pay the new fee. He said of the approximate 50 vehicles that came across that day, maybe 7 or 8 of them refused to pay. Staff has been suggesting other alternatives to residents, such as discarding items in their trash, coming back when they accumulate more material or using bulky tags for some items.

Moore stated that although he was upset that he wasn't consulted, he would prefer to drop the issue since he doesn't want to keep changing the rates back and forth. He said that they will learn to work with it and plans to continue communicating with residents as they cross the scale. DeDe stated that if Mike is comfortable then he is okay with dropping the issue as well. Other members weren't as comfortable dropping the matter and Kemp suggested sending a letter to the Council.

Motion: Based on concerns for increased illegal dumping and costs associated with employees picking up these items, as well as an overall disincentive to recycle, McCabe made a motion to recommend changing the minimum to \$15 for residents.

Second: Kemp seconded the motion.

Vote: 5/1; motion passes.

C. Financially Viable Incentives for Recycling – Moore relayed that the point of this inclusion was for the City Manager to make sure an effort was being made to promote recycling. Moore stated the Manager was satisfied this was already being done. Members discussed Dover's recycling rate, which is currently one of the highest in the state.

4. Curbside Collection:

A. Curbside Leaf Pickup – There will be 4 weeks of curbside leaf pickup this year – the last week in October and the first 3 weeks in November.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:

A. Operating Rules – Dinzeo read through the Commission's Operating Rules, noting all additions or changes to the document. Members agreed to the Rules and a finalized copy will be forwarded to the City Attorney.

7. Adjournment:

Motion: DeDe made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM.

Second: McCabe seconded the motion.

Vote: U/A.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for October 2010.