



CITY OF DOVER

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Thursday, June 21, 2018**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Gary Gilmore, Vice Chairman Dave Dinzeo, Doug Kemp, Doug Dede, City Councilor Michelle Muffett-Lipinski

Members Absent: Sean Greenlaw

Alternate Members Present:

Alternate Members Absent: Brian Shields

Staff Present: John Storer, Community Services Director, Mike Moore, Solid Waste Coordinator, Jennifer Bretz, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2016

Motion: Dede made the motion to approve the minutes, Dinzeo seconded.

Vote: U/a

3. Monthly Update

A. Financials

Monthly financials were reviewed. The current fund balance was discussed.

4. Recycling Center

A. Recent Brush Grinding

Moore stated that they just finished up with the brush grinding. The cost was under \$10,000. There were 24, 100 yard tractor trailer loads.

B. Increase of Construction Debris/Freon Prices

Moore stated that the cost of construction debris was increasing from \$0.08/lb. to \$0.10/lb. for residents. The contractor rate is increasing from \$0.13/lb. to \$0.15/lb. The cost for Freon items will be increasing from \$10.00 to \$20.00. This change will be in effect as of July 1, 2018.

5. Curbside Collection – No Issues

6. New Business

A. Homeless Campsites

Moore stated that there have always been homeless campsites or individuals camping out over the years. In the past five years, it has gotten extremely worse. Previously, the Solid Waste staff would clean the site but bed bugs, fentanyl powder and hypodermic needles onsite have gotten worse. Currently, there are seven different sites that the city is aware of. Director Storer, himself and a police officer has been to each site. The police department is in contact with the individuals at the sites. The City has hired Servpro to clean up the sites. Last fall, Servpro cleaned five sites at no cost to the city. Servpro staff wear safety suits, respirators and puncture proof gloves. The cleanup is \$1,000 per site.



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B. New Downtown Trash Receptacles - \$80,000

Moore stated that he would like to purchase new trash receptacles in the downtown. The current receptacles were originally placed by Pinard Waste in 2010. They're made out of recyclable material but they do take a beating. With the addition of the beautification of Silver Street, the city placed two Scarborough black metal cans at the end of Silver Street. He would like to have those trash receptacles placed throughout the downtown. The cost to replace the cans was placed in the budget and was passed. The steel cans are much more durable.

Dede asked how often they're emptied.

Moore stated that they are emptied three times per week from April to November. From December to March, they are emptied two times per week.

Dede stated that every time that he sees them, they're stuffed.

Storer stated that this information is good for him to hear from the commission. The pickup is more of a contract issue. At one point it was noted that the trash had been missed at Henry Law Park so Mike has been checking on this area as well as a few other spots every Friday. If the amount of pickup times isn't sufficient, they have to go back and negotiate with Pinard for additional times. Also, if anyone has an event on a Friday, there has to be some sort of responsibility for pickup from the event holder.

Moore stated that when he and John had driven down River Street, on a Wednesday, there was a cookout taking place near the trash receptacles. That afternoon they were already full. The receptacles had just been emptied out the day before.

Storer stated that they need to target the receptacles that tend to fill faster than others.

C. Orchard Street Dumpster Relocation

This area has been on the radar for a few years with the City Manager. The businesses off of Orchard Street have had their dumpsters in place for multiple years. They're placed on a hill/grassy knoll that the city owns. The city is construct a more aesthetically pleasing area for the dumpsters at that grassy spot. There are a lot of utilities that will have to be moved around but the city is going to put in a cement pad and three cement walls. They'll be able to fit 20 yards of space in that area. They'll also have a grease trap installed. He's identified who the owners/renters of the dumpsters are. There are five different businesses using four different vendors. He will be speaking with the business owners to inform them of the upcoming change. The four dumpsters total 25 yards and we'll be decreasing to 20 yards.

Storer stated the dumpsters are illegally on city property. They're not fenced appropriately or screened as they should be. He's spoken with the Legal department. There are no legacy issues, deeds or licenses to allow the dumpsters on the property. The area does need to be cleaned up. Mike is going to start the legwork and get everything moving along.



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Moore stated that in the contract it says that on certain occasions a vendor can piggyback on our vendors cost per ton. He's hopeful that if he reaches out to Pinard can offer the businesses the city's price per ton for the two ten yard dumpsters which would be a price savings in the end. It's not going to be an easy process but in the end it will look better and save the businesses some money.

D. Recycling Bins Quality/New Vendor - Doug Dede

Dede stated that he purchased a Rubbermaid bin seven years ago and just recently discovered a crack in it. He is not in favor of the bins that the city is currently selling. He would like the city to research the cost of utilizing Rubbermaid for recycling bins. He is volunteering to find other options and would like the city to have higher quality products.

Storer stated that through the procurement policy, they have to prepare a competitive spec to allow companies to compete. They could write out a spec. exactly around the Rubbermaid, but unless City Council waives the procurement policy, they would have to go through the bid process. He is aware that the cold weather does make the current bins brittle.

Moore stated that they haven't changed the bid requirements from the last three bids. The city typically sells 1,000 – 1,500 per year. Either people aren't complaining or they're not as bad as he thinks they are. The city recycling bins aren't mandatory though. He does not have an issue obtaining ones that are better quality.

E. Policy Enforcements - Doug Dede

Dede stated that residents don't seem to understand the policies listed in the "Talking Trash" brochure. Wax covered containers are not supposed to be in bins but they always are. He's curious to know why they're not allowed.

Moore stated it is Pinard's policy. He's never gotten any feedback from them stating that it's a major issue.

Storer states that if Pinard sees a problem with a resident's recycling/trash, Pinard will inform the city of the problem to inform the resident of the violation. If the city sees anything of egregious violation we will notify the resident.

7. Old Business - None

8. Next Meeting Date

September 20, 2018

9. Adjournment

Motion: Dinzeo made the motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., Kemp seconded.

Vote: U/a