

**TOWN OF EXETER
SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
02Apr25**

Meeting was called to order by Denise at 7:01pm

Members present: Denise Short, Julie Gaunt, Jim Breeling, Sarah Koff, Nina Braun, and Jackie Ojala

Staff and Select Board Member Present: Kristen Murphy, Conservation & Sustainability Planner
Dan Chartrand, Select Board Representative

Presentation Dover Solid Waste Study Approach and Findings (Dave Dinzeo, Dover Solid Waste Advisory Committee)

- Dover explored if they could do their own trash/recycling pickup – Dover funded a consultant to evaluate this
 - Consultant suggested:
 - Moving from manual truck pickup system to automated trucks with toters (needs a two year lead time) – committee suggests this
 - Moving from pay as you throw model to utility billing system to fund this – committee suggests this
 - Utility billing system ended up being very expensive so Dover is looking at adding trash to the general tax bill
 - Dover take this on rather than hiring a company to manage – committee does not suggest this
 - This takes a lot employees and Dover has this found this to be quite expensive and it is tough to get and keep employees
 - Belmont, Portsmouth, and Stratham have moved in this direction and Dover has learned from them
 - Turnkey landfill is currently slated to close by 2034

Motion by Jim, 2nd by Jackie to **approve meeting minutes from 05Feb25** as presented. Motion passes, unanimously.

Styrofoam Collection Event 4/26 Planning

- 9-11am at Public Works
- Keith Whitehouse has donated his time and truck to bring 10 or 11 bags again – Thank you!
- Other communities have shown interest so we are expecting more people than last time
- Kristen suggests renting a box truck for this event and Kristen has select board approval to accept donations (for future truck rentals)

- Nina may be able to pick up bags from Gilford, Kristen and Nina to coordinate offline
- Kristen to pick up box truck the morning of
- Set-up at 8:00am (cones, signs, etc.) – all committee members present are available for the event

Solid Waste Subcommittee Update – Dates available for Spring visit

- Jim and Denise are interested in participating on the tour

Police and Fire Station Subcommittee Update

- Ryan met with Dave Sharples a couple weeks ago – no current updates but will keep in touch

Joint SAC/EC Meeting Date (May 14, 2025 3:30 pm)

Correspondence from Durham Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee re: plastic bag petition

- Durham advocated to their council that they adopt a resolution encouraging the state to limit the use of single use plastics at grocery stores
- Nina would be interested in presenting this for the SAC at the select board
- Julie motioned and Nina seconded to have the **SAC encourage the Select Board to adopt a resolution that is modeled after Durham's language** to encourage the state to support a single use plastic ban. Motion passed, unanimously.

2025 Planning

- The committee updated the SAC Workplan & Calendar document for 2025
- Jim and Denise will staff the table at the Alewife festival in May – the theme will be diverting from solid waste (Helpsy, styrofoam, composting, plastic recycling in Stratham)

With no additional business, Jim motioned, and Jackie seconded to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:44PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Ojala