Dewey Beach Trash/Recycle Committee

# Meeting Minutes (amended)

5/21/2016

## Opening

The regular meeting of the Dewey Beach Trash/Recycle Committee was called to order at 2:00 on 5/21/2016 in Dewey Beach Lifesaving Museum by Debbie Knight.

## Present

Debbie Knight, Committee chair

Harry Wilson, Committee member

Robert Duncan, Committee member

Walter Barlow, Committee member

Diane Hanson, Mayor

Marc Appelbaum, Town Manager

Dale Cooke, Commissioner

## Approval of Agenda

## Approval of Minutes

## Open Issues

## New Business

This was the first meeting of the Trash Committee and introductions were made.

We discussed the trash and recycle problems we are trying to solve:

* The need for weekly recycling instead of every two weeks
* Elimination of overflow trash and recycle cans
* Reducing the number of noisy trucks on streets
* Options for yard waste collection
* Improving the overall appearance of the town by ensuring empty receptacles do not remain on the streets and public right of ways

Various stakeholder groups were represented; condo associations, year round residents, summer residents, rental owners and each discussed their needs for the improved service.

The committee members felt that it was important to have a single trash and recycle service with optional valet service for those owners who need help meeting the newly enforced trash ordinances.

The committee discussed the role of the town in the billing, enforcement, and monitoring the service.

A committee member brought up the point that a lot of residents have more recycle than trash and did not feel we should have trash picked up twice a week and once a week for both trash and recycle was enough.

There was a discussion on scope, residential and commercial and we agreed to discuss this at the next meeting, except the commercial that deals with food and special handling waste.

A proposal was made to include the following:

1. A single trash and recycle vendor mandated for all owners to be bid via RFP process
2. The vendor would offer an on line system with a menu of items:
   1. Required for all owners- service from Memorial Day through Labor Day
      1. Trash 2x weekly Monday/Friday
      2. Recycle weekly
   2. Optional Year round service for trash and recycle
   3. Add on: Valet service, addition May and September, extra cans, dumpster and yard waste per bag

The committee agreed to discuss this proposal and possibly vote at the next meeting.

We agreed to review the bid from last year and rewrite it to reflect the proposal above.

**Agenda for Next Meeting**

Review the draft proposal for Trash Services and possibly vote

Discuss options for billing and customer service, vendor or town

Discuss and set a time for a Public hearing on the proposal to engage the community

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 by Debbie Knight. The next general meeting will be at 2:00 on June 11, 2016, in new Town Hall Annex 1505 Coastal Highway

Minutes submitted by: Debbie Knight

Approved by: [Name]