

CITY OF DOVER

DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **June 20, 2022**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Vice Chairman Jay Stephens, Dennis Munson, Bill Davis, Mark Moeller

Excused Members Absent: Chairman Bret Carmichael, Bob Berry, Otis Perry

Unexcused Members Absent:

Alternate Members Present: Gregory Bird

Staff Present: Michael Nadeau, Utilities Superintendent, Bill Purpura, Inventory Coordinator, Ken Mavrogeorge, City Engineer, Gretchen Young, Environmental Projects Manager, Jennifer Bretz, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Others present were Vanessa Price, Barrington Town Planner and Jim Wieck, GZA Geo Environmental.

2. User's Forum - None

3. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2022

Motion: Munson made the motion to approve the minutes, Bird seconded.

Vote: U/a

4. Abatement Requests

A. 1 Wentworth Terrace - Mark Johnstone

Applicant was not present for the second time.

Stephens stated that historically, if the applicant doesn't appear twice in a row, the board will discuss the abatement without the applicant present.

Stephens stated that the original abatement was denied based on the readings from their Galaxy meter. It clearly shows based on the hourly readings that the water did go through the meter.

Bird stated that based on the application, the applicant was originally requesting an abatement for 65 units. They said they normally averaged 15-20 units and used 85 units. They were requesting the difference. He was hoping to hear from the applicant.

Motion: Bird made the motion to deny the abatement, Munson seconded.

Vote: U/a

Moeller arrived at 6:12 pm

5. Reports

A. Abatement Review Team Report - None

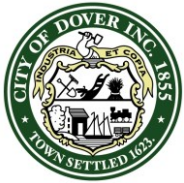
B. Utilities Report

The report was reviewed and discussed by Staff.

C. Finance Report

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Motion: Munson made the motion to approve the reports, Davis seconded.



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6. New Business

A. Stormwater Management Plan Annual Update

Young stated that there was a joint DUC meeting with the Ordinance committee. She stated that it was not very well attended. Only Bob Berry and Otis Perry attended. As the project gets going, they are going to need participation from the DUC to really lend some technical input on the development of the Stormwater utility. The board will hear more about it once we get into the fall season. The stormwater meetings will occur during the DUC meetings and the Ordinance Committee will be invited.

Bird asked what were the first impressions from the meeting.

Young stated that it depends on where you look. The people she spoke with are in support. If you look on Facebook there seems to be a lot of talk about a rain tax. A Stormwater Utility uses impervious area as a proxy for determining the contribution to the overall utility. You're able to get credits to reduce your fee based on the amount of impervious area you're disconnecting/treating/removing or other water quality things you can do. The argument with a rain tax is residents are saying "I have no control over the rain and you're billing me for this rain coming out of the sky that I have no control over". Foster's Daily Democrat ran a story about it. The headline was "This is Not A Rain Tax".

Young proceeded to go over the Stormwater MS4 Permit update (see attached)

B. Source Water Protection - Bellamy River

Jim Wieck, GZA presented the Source Water Protection Plan Summary (see attached)

Wieck stated that the city will receive the draft report at the September meeting.

7. Old Business - None

8. Areas of Concern

Stephens asked if there was an "Eye on Water" update.

Nadeau stated that it's waiting on IT and the software company.

9. Next Meeting Date

July 18, 2022

10. Adjournment

Motion: Munson made the motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm, Bird seconded.

Vote: U/a