

CITY OF DOVER

DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Monday, October 16, 2023**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Bret Carmichael, Vice Chairman Jay Stephens, Dennis Munson, Mark Moeller, Otis Perry, Bill Davis

Unexcused Alternate Absent: Shawn Mickelonis

Staff Present: Michael Nadeau, Utilities Superintendent; Amelia DeGrace, Asst. City Engineer; Nancy Usbelger, Recording Secretary; Bill Purpura, Meter Backflow Foreman

Invited: Dennis Shanahan, Deputy Mayor

1. Call to Order

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

2. User's Forum

Dan Ayer just wanted to attend the meeting to thank the City and The Dover Utilities Commission for everything they do for the City of Dover.

3. Old Business

A. Stormwater and Flood Resilience Utility Discussion

Motion: Perry made the motion that the Utilities Commission support the recommendations of the Ordinance Committee in regards to the stormwater activity, Stephens seconded.

Vote: 5/1

Discussion:

Carmichael shared that he wanted to restate his objections. He is an advocate of the stormwater utility and creating equity for the utility. I think it poses new financial harm to residents living on private roads who are not consuming more and are paying the same tax rate.

Perry explained that originally private roads were thought to be better for the City because people would take care of them and they would get a lower tax rate because the City wouldn't be maintaining them. But it just hasn't worked out that way. He feels issues in regards to private roads are more serious than just the stormwater.

Shanahan shared that the Ordinance Committee did get some information from legal staff of RSA 149.231 which limits the ability for this ordinance to reflect any specific credit for private roads. There are several policy points that will be brought up before the City Council as well as the policy points about HOA's and private roads.

4. Reports

A. Abatement Review Team Report

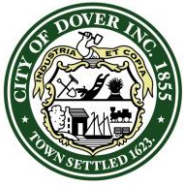
The report was reviewed and discussed by staff.

B. Utilities Report

The report was reviewed and discussed by staff.

C. Finance Report

The report was reviewed and discussed by staff.



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Vote: U/a

Discussion:

5. New Business – Eye on Water

Nadeau said the director is ready to sign the contract with Badger. We are just waiting for the City Attorney to run it by finance and the IT department and make a few adjustments before getting it signed.

Carmichael asked if he could get a look at the sign up for Eye on Water once we have it laid out. He wants to make sure it's accessible to residents.

6. Areas of Concern

7. Next Meeting Date

November 13, 2023

8. Adjournment

Motion: Munson made the motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm, Perry seconded.

Vote: U/a

Discussion: