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From: Dee Kinsman <deekinsman@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 7:30 AM
To: City Council - All
Cc: fergus@ferguscullen.com
Subject: Homeless Shelter Funding meeting

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Good morning my name is Dee Kinsman and I live at 38 Cornerstone Drive, Dover NH.

It is my understanding the funding for the new homeless shelter at the county complex will be voted on tonight. I am not able to attend in person, please accept this email in lieu of my attendance.

I support the proposed amendments Councilman Cullen will be presenting tonight. In general, I have grave concerns around the town's motives to select this location for the new homeless shelter. I don't believe this decision was made in the best interest of our homeless community rather convenient and out of sight for the town and big development \$\$ coming to the town. With that said, I understand, the location decision has already been made.

In a prior email I sent, I asked if there was a community impact assessment completed given the increase in vehicle and foot traffic. I have yet to receive a response on that. Surely that was conducted as part of the town's due diligence around this decision.

I frequently witness activity when the current homeless shelter is open. Quite a bit of foot traffic, police presence, abandoned bicycles and shopping carts and a general increase in trash on the side of the road. On occasions, I've witnessed Police addressing issues or concerns.

All of this needs to be considered and accounted for with this new location.

Please record the receiving of this email in the minutes of tonight's meeting.

Thank you,
Dee Kinsman

Sent from my iPhone

Vansylyvong-Bizier, Jerrica

From: Tanya Davis <T.Davis79@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 3:21 PM
To: City Council - All
Subject: Warming Center Dover NH

Importance: High

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Good Evening City Council Members,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Tanya Davis, and I am a resident of Dover, NH. I am writing to respectfully ask the City Council to carefully consider the potential impacts the proposed warming center may have on our community.

After listening to the previous meeting, I was concerned to hear that the amendments intended to protect the residents of Ward 6 and the surrounding neighborhoods were dismissed. These amendments were introduced to address legitimate concerns from those who live near the proposed site. Many residents—including those in my neighborhood—were unaware of the warming center plans, as the item appeared to move rapidly through agendas without clear public notice or outreach. While discussions may have occurred years ago, the current proposal seems to have resurfaced suddenly, providing residents with little time to prepare or participate in the process, especially so close to the recent elections.

It also appears that the City may be advancing this initiative without adequately hearing from those who will be most directly affected. There are also concerns circulating about the possibility of the facility operating year-round, functioning similarly to a homeless shelter.

I would like to respectfully raise the following questions for consideration:

- What is the reason for the accelerated timeline to approve this project before the end of 2025?
- What criteria were used to select the proposed location, and how was its suitability evaluated?
- What is the anticipated schedule for design, construction, and eventual operations?
- What are the staffing plans, hours of operation, and activation criteria for the warming center?
- What funding sources will be used, and could this project impact Dover's municipal budget?
- How will the center coordinate with existing community organizations and social service providers?
- How will nearby neighborhoods be affected in terms of safety, traffic flow, accessibility, and general community impact?
- What opportunities will residents have for meaningful input and ongoing involvement?
- How will the facility affect the assisted living and nursing home located on the same property?
- How will current aging infrastructure support the increased demand?

- Who will be responsible for utility costs—including sewer, electricity, and emergency services?
- What tax implications should Dover residents expect as a result of this project?
- Why were the proposed amendments—designed to address community concerns—voted down?
- What are the liability considerations of potentially serving residents from other cities?
- How will individuals return to the city center or other populated areas when the facility is closed?

I appreciate your time and attention to these concerns, and I respectfully request greater transparency, community engagement, and careful evaluation before any final decisions are made.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Tanya Davis

Vansylyvong-Bizier, Jerrica

From: Dr. Carole Gadomski <cgadomski8@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 4:40 PM
To: City Council - All
Subject: Warming Center Vote

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I am writing to you regarding the proposed warming center vote. It seems apparent that the decision has already been made to move forward with the emergency warming center regardless of this vote. To that end, I would like to pose the following questions:

What is the plan for the emergency shelter? Is it a destination or is it a process to get people housed? Is it a low barrier or no barrier facility? Can anyone enter without an ID, with outstanding arrest warrants, with a weapon, under the influence of alcohol/drugs? What will the screening process be like? If it is indeed going to be low barrier, aren't you then compromising the unhoused fighting to maintain sobriety by placing them in an unsafe environment, hence exacerbating the problem?

What proactive plans do you have in place to safeguard the people who live near the shelter? According to the Dover Police Department Memorandum from the Dover City Police Chief to the Dover City Manager, dated Oct 21, 2025, (re: Willand Warming Center stats and anticipated impact) "Based on what Somersworth reported, it is safe to expect an increase in calls related to trespassing, welfare checks, narcotics, disturbances, thefts, disorderly conduct at the warming center, in the area of the county complex, and in Dover in general. Dover is likely to experience some increased call activity by residents in the area with concerns about persons walking along County Farm Road, County Farm Cross Road and Sixth Street. There may also be trespass reports, thefts and disturbances that occur in the area."

What plans do you have in place for monitoring the wooded area along Covered Bridge Road as it is already an area of concern? More from the above stated Dover Police Memorandum "The county property is vast and partially wooded and the adjacent properties are heavily wooded. This means that persons choosing not to return to their home communities will likely attempt to camp in the woods in the area."

It seems the neighborhood safety concerns are further validated by the following:

"Over the years, a significant amount of money has been spent to clean up camp sites.

Those figures are below:

2022: 21 cleanups for a total of \$16,827

2023: 26 cleanups for a total of \$28,936.5

2024: 10 cleanups for a total of \$9,636.97

2025: 3 cleanups for a total of \$2,555.73 (through October 1)

There will likely be encampments in the area of the warming center. If so, these costs will begin to rise."

Safety concerns for our neighborhoods are worrisome and are further validated by the email cited here:

TO: J. Michael Joyal, Jr.

FROM: Chief David A. Terlemezian

RE: Willand Warming Center stats and anticipated impact

DATE: October 21, 2025

"There is no question that there will be an increase in demands on city services that will be only partially mitigated by the law enforcement services provided by the Sheriff based on the current schedule and only for incidents that occur on county property. The rest of the impacts in other parts of the City of Dover will be the responsibility of the Dover Police Department."

This seasonal warming center is not fair to the taxpayers of Dover and to the taxpayers of Strafford County.

Strafford County's population is roughly 134,00 people.

Strafford County 2024 PIT data, from NH Dept of Health and Human Services, states 191 sheltered homeless and 59 unsheltered homeless.

Have any of you taken the time to investigate alternatives to this small population, ie: warming buses, hotels, fire station, police station, salvation army, McConnell Center?

I understand that some of the funding will come from the sale of the Willand Warming Center and from the sale of property in Rollinsford with stipulations, but those stipulations are not specifically for a warming center, but a broader scope of people in need. Even with the sales of the two properties, the taxpayers of Dover are still looking at close to \$500,000.

It is fiscally irresponsible to approve \$ 1.7 million dollars that will service less than ¼ of a percent of Strafford County residents.

Dr. Carole Gadomski

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Vansylyvong-Bizier, Jerrica

From: Robert Gadomski <retiredguynh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 12:11 PM
To: City Council - All
Subject: Warming Center

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Dear City Council,

I understand that the funding for the new Warming Center will be discussed at the City Council Meeting this Wednesday. I am writing because I will be unable to attend the meeting and I want my voice heard.

I'm not writing to speak for or against the warming center. I don't think this is the best way for Dover to be spending money, but I have been around long enough to understand that this decision to move forward was made long ago.

I am writing because I have concerns about the process that has been used, and the future of Dover. Throughout my involvement in the process it has been very apparent that providing feedback FOR the warming center is the politically correct thing to do and has been VERY warmly received. ANY discussion against the warming center, or even questions about the warming center has been received tersely and discarded. It does not bode well for the inclusiveness of Dover moving forward, if healthy debates are discouraged. When myself, my wife and neighbors spoke at the last City Council meeting, we were treated more like a "fly in the ointment", then citizens with concerns.

Another example is when Councilor Cullen put a motion on the floor for discussion at the last meeting. It was evident that discussion was stopped and the motion did not even get the respect of a second. Feedback I received was that "he already knew the answers and should not have made the motion". Perhaps, but it would have been nice for the general public to be able to hear the discussion. It may have put more people at ease that the decision was not already made behind closed doors. I don't always agree with Councilor Cullen, but I respect the fact that he is bringing the concerns of citizens forward in an appropriate manner. Additional discussions should simply lead to the best possible decision. The taxpayers of Dover deserve nothing less.

My hope is that moving forward, all feedback matters and opposing viewpoints will not be minimized by City Councilors or the mayor.

On a separate topic, I was wondering if there has been any changes to improve the safety of Covered Bridge Road? I appreciate that a couple of councilors reached out to me concerning this months ago. Has any progress been made with signage? Lighting? Police patrols? I have noticed that there is still occasional dumping down there, drug paraphernalia and graffiti. Any additional thoughts for improvement of that area would be appreciated by me and my many neighbors who use the area.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I do appreciate the time that you put into the City Council to make Dover a great city for everyone.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Gadomski
Glen Hill Road

Vansylyvong-Bizier, Jerrica

From: Timothy Maloney <tim.maloney09@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 11:09 AM
To: City Council - All
Subject: Dec 10 2025 City Council Vote - Warming Shelter

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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing as a homeowner who lives less than a mile from the proposed warming center site. I first learned of this project in October and have since shared my concerns by email and at the public forum. While I understand the city of Dover feels this project is necessary, it has been difficult to feel that the concerns of nearby residents were truly heard during that meeting.

I'm asking you to take a moment and consider what you would want in place if this were happening near your own home, or near your children or grandchildren.

What protections would make you feel confident that your neighborhood's safety and character would remain intact?

I am respectfully requesting that the city adopt clear, enforceable safety measures to protect the surrounding neighborhood from increased foot traffic, drug-related activity, and general public safety risks that often accompany these types of facilities. Nearby residents deserve to feel secure in their homes and confident that Dover has taken every reasonable step to mitigate potential impacts.

I am also deeply concerned about the long-term scope of this project. What is being presented as a seasonal, limited-purpose warming center could gradually become a year-round facility, especially as it is intended to serve the entire county. With that change of scope may come increased strain on local emergency services, more frequent incidents such as overdoses, and long-term effects on home values and neighborhood stability.

Please consider these aspect in your vote:

- **Neighborhood safety:** We need clear, enforceable measures to address increased foot traffic, drug-related incidents, and general security around our homes.
- **Financial risk:** Many recent city projects have gone over budget. I'm concerned this project's costs are being underestimated to secure approval, and that Dover will ultimately shoulder the overruns in both construction and ongoing operations—despite the shelter serving all 13 towns in the county.
- **Scope creep:** A "seasonal" shelter can easily become year-round, bringing long-term impacts such as more emergency calls, safety issues, and declining property values for those living closest to the site

I truly want to see compassionate solutions for those in need, but I also believe Dover should not be expected to shoulder the full weight—financially or socially—of challenges faced by all surrounding towns.

Thank you for your time and for considering the concerns of residents who will be most directly affected. I sincerely hope the City will put in place appropriate safeguards and oversight to ensure this project succeeds without compromising the safety and well-being of the neighborhoods around it.

Respectfully,

Tim Maloney

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Vansylyvong-Bizier, Jerrica

From: Robert Saulnier <saulnierrobert@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 10:26 AM
To: City Council - All
Subject: Warming Shelter

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Hello There,

I am emailing to express my concern about the planned warming center coming to my neighborhood. My name is Robert Saulnier, I live at 115 Glen Hill Road with my wife Julia and our 18 month old son Sagan. We moved here two years ago from our duplex that we still own on Folsom St. in Dover. I am writing to express my hard opposition to the warming shelter coming to our neighborhood.

One of the main reasons we moved to this area in the first place is because we were completely sick of what comes along with the homeless population living downtown. We had a constant stream of addicts on the walking trail which as you are very aware led to a problem with needless being left on the ground all around our neighborhood. Aside from this, I on multiple occasions had to call emergency services for people who were unconscious/over dosing.

We absolutely love Dover but this is something we wanted to get away from when purchasing our next home. Aside from the common problems we experienced associated with addicts in the neighborhood, we also dealt with dealers across the street for a good portion of our time there. So much so much that I worked with detective Mark Nadeau in allowing him to use my property to surveil illegal activity in the neighborhood which did eventually leads to some big drug busts.

So to say that I am opposed to even a glimmer of the idea of the warming shelter moving to my current neighborhood is an absolute under statement. In a statement from the police chief in 2023, they esteemed that 80% of the homeless population in Dover was actively using drugs. I understand that if they get caught using in the shelter that they will be kicked out but where will they go to get a fix before and after using the shelter? We use the trails and the surrounding areas to walk our dogs and let our kids play, this warming center will no doubt be a disruption to our safety and neighborhood integrity.

Aside from this there is the concern of our home values. Obviously the warming shelter is not something that can possibly affect our home values in a positive way, it will absolutely be negative. Aside from this, I have friends who work in public health and they said they would bet all their money that the warming shelter eventually would turn into a year round homeless shelter. Again, I have two properties in Dover, I pay well over \$14k in property taxes every year. I will be rallying my neighborhood in hard opposition of the "warming center".

Feel free to reach out anytime at 603 767 0910

Thanks so much,

Rob Saulnier
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