

CITY OF DOVER

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Ordinance Committee Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, First Floor Conference Room**
Meeting Date: **Monday, November 10, 2025**
Meeting Time: **8:30 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Shanahan called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan, Councilor Fergus Cullen, Acting City Attorney Jennifer Perez and Legal Assistant Patricia Moniello.

Excused: Councilor Lindsey Williams

Guests: Police Chief David Terlemezian, Captain Brad Gould

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No one present for public forum.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES –

- October 6, 2025

Councilor Cullen moved to approve; seconded by Deputy Mayor Shanahan.
No changes. All in favor. Unanimous.

5. REVIEW OF PROPOSED OR PENDING ORDINANCE

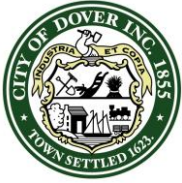
Police Chief Terlemezian discussed the law change in RSA 466:39 that went into effect September 30, 2025 granting cities and town the authority to regulate the muzzling and/or restraint of vicious dogs regardless of whether said animal is attached to a leash as defined in RSA 466:31 II(g).

Deputy Mayor Shanahan asked for a motion to forward to City Council for approval.
Councilor Cullen moved to forward to City Council with recommendation to approve.
Deputy Mayor Shanahan seconded.

All in favor. Unanimous.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Counselor Cullen wanted to discuss two housekeeping issues that he had emailed the City Manager about. The first is trying to introduce some kind of waiting period on requests for naming public property after someone who has passed away. He stated that the current policy is “first come, first serve”, and when a family or organization suggests to name a building, bridge, etc. in honor of someone who recently passed away, it just happens. He is suggesting that a waiting period, similar to what the federal government has with its naming of buildings, etc. (five (5) years after someone is deceased), so there is a “cooling off period”



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and there are no emotional decisions made. He is not sure how we would evaluate who is worthier of having property named after a person if there are multiple requests, but thinks that addressing the issue and indicating the City has a 2-5 year waiting period when someone has passed, would be appropriate. In the case of a donation of an item in memory of a person (such as a tree), that would be fine because it is assumed the family would be donating such item and it would be no cost to the city, but the renaming of schools, buildings or bridges, there should be some kind of waiting period to avoid any type of conflict.

The second item was a discussion about the Ethics Commission and how the process of two matters were abused by the Committee Chairman on two prior issues that were presented to the Ethics Commission. Councilor Cullen provided a handout summarizing proposed changes for discussion.

7. BUILD AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Deputy Mayor Shanahan observed the next Ordinance Committee meeting would be tentatively scheduled for December 8, 2025 at 8:30 a.m., if needed.

8. ADJOURN

Deputy Mayor Shanahan made motion to adjourn. Councilor Cullen seconded by Councilor Cullen.

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.