



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Police Department community room, 46 Chestnut Street
Meeting Date: **Monday, May 18, 2026**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Chairman Kean McDermott.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Kean McDermott, Susan Tremblay, Fergus Cullen (City Council), Elizabeth Goldman, Dennis Munson, Donna Benton (Planning), Lt. Alex Mitrushi (Police), Jill Semprini (Community Services),

Members Not Present (Unexcused): Michael Williams (COAST)

Alternates Present: Peter Schmidt, Aaron Williams

Alternates Not Present: None

McDermott announced that Schmidt would serve as a voting member for tonight's meeting, sitting for M. Williams.

Goldman was absent from 6:53 to 7:16 p.m. to attend a brief School Board meeting. During her absence (which covered parts of Items 3B and 3C), A. Williams served as a voting member.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review/approval of minutes from March 23, 2026. Munson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Benton seconded. Motion adopted, 5-0 (Benton, Mitrushi, Semprini, McDermott, Munson) with Goldman and Schmidt declining to vote.

B. Review Updated Draft of Operating Rules. Draft operating rules have been reviewed by city legal counsel and revised to ensure consistency with RSAs, city code, and the City Charter. Goldman moved to approve the proposed operating rules as presented. Munson seconded. Discussion:

Regarding 5E and 6I, A. Williams expressed concern that rules limiting sponsorship to Dover residents could prevent interest groups from sponsoring agenda items. No motion made.

Regarding 5F and 5I, A. Williams expressed concern about limiting public comment to three minutes.

MOTION: Munson moved to amend the proposed rules to change the time limit on public comment during Public Forum and Public Hearings from three minutes to five minutes. Schmidt seconded. Motion adopted, 5-4 (McDermott, Tremblay, Schmidt, A. Williams, Munson in favor, Benton, Mitrushi, Semprini, and Cullen opposed).

Regarding 6I, A. Williams expressed concern about language addressing interest groups and conflicts of interest. No motion made.



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Regarding 4B, McDermott wondered whether chairs should be appointed at the last or first meeting of the year. No motion made.

When discussion concluded, Benton noted the existing operating rules require the provision of notice of any amendments to the rules. Because the proposed rules have been amended, a vote to adopt the amended rules and advance them to the City Council for ratification cannot take place until the Commission's next meeting. Item continued.

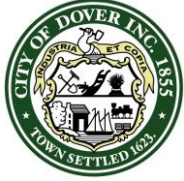
3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Glenwood Avenue – Speed Concerns (25 minute mark)

In absence of the sponsor, Mitrushi summarized a concern submitted by a resident about speed on Glenwood Avenue and a request for speed bumps and/or a permanent radar sign. Mitrushi reported the use of the movable radar sign and added patrols and communicated with the resident, who seems satisfied with the response. Schmidt spoke for more than four minutes about his views of speed and speed tables. McDermott suggested a community discussion of speed in the community. Mitrushi noted Glenwood was narrowed recently in an effort to slow traffic. Goldman suggested using the phrase, traffic calming. A. Williams spoke for 3.5 minutes about how street design contributes to speed, observed that Barry Street residents have to cross Glenwood to get to Horne Street School without a marked cross walk, and expressed support for speed bumps on Glenwood. Schmidt spoke a second time. Cullen suggested that, in absence of a motion, it was time to move to the next item on the agenda. No motion made.

B. Governor Sawyer Lane – Speed Concerns (39 minute mark)

Sponsors Paul Fennessy, 13 Governor Sawyer Lane, and Jim Nute, 12 Governor Sawyer Lane, spoke. Fennessy expressed concerns about excessive speed on this residential, cul-de-sac street with 32 homes on a third of a mile. He said there are 24 children aged 13 or under on this street. He had specific concerns about delivery drivers. They requested a posted sign limiting speed to 20 MPH. Semprini noted speed limits are governed by RSAs that set the limit at 30 MPH. To reduce that to 25 MPH would require a traffic study, and she commented that posting a 30 MPH sign can have the opposite of the intended effect, instead encouraging people to drive faster than they might otherwise. Mitrushi noted limits under 30 MPH are unenforceable. Schmidt suggested "children at play" signs. Residents said there are three such signs now. A. Williams suggested the street is too wide and called for traffic calming generally. Schmidt spoke a second time. Mitrushi offered to collect data on actual traffic counts and speed to inform potential enforcement actions. No motion made.



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C. Nantucket Court – One-Side Street Parking Request (57 minute mark)

In absence of the sponsor, Mitrushi summarized a request to limit parking to one side of the street due to congestion. The request was made, in part, due to an expressed concern about access for delivery drivers. A. Williams noted there are seven houses on the street, indicated support for parking restrictions, and suggesting an informal agreement among neighbors could work.

MOTION: Trembley moved to endorse making parking one-sided on Nantucket. Schmidt seconded. Discussion ensued about width of the street. Cullen expressed discomfort acting on the basis of one person's request, in absence of something like a petition demonstrating more widespread support for one-sided parking. Trembley withdrew her motion and Schmidt withdrew his second. Mitrushi offered to reach out to the sponsor to encourage more neighborhood discussion. No further motions made.

D. Portland Avenue/Rogers Street – RRFB Request (66 minute mark)

In absence of the sponsor, Mitrushi summarized a request from a resident about an existing cross walk and a request for an RRFB. Schmidt commented about his experience with cross walks and RRFBs. McDermott suggested this request be considered in the broader context of staff updates on RRFBs. No motion made.

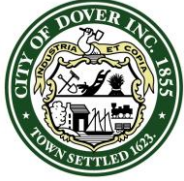
4. CITIZENS FORUM (70 minute mark)

In an informal session, Dr. Eric Leaver, Main Street, wanted to make sure an email from Tony McManus would be addressed. It would be, with agenda item 5D.

5. STAFF UPDATES

A. RRFB Request Update (71 minute mark)

Mitrushi reported staff reviewed RRFB requests in the past two years. They were for: Fifth and Chestnut (fulfilled), Central and Hill, Silver and Belknap, Sixth and Grove (two), Central Ave by St. Marys School; and tonight's for Portland and Rogers. Semprini added Locust at Hale, bringing the number of requests to eight at seven locations. McDermott asked about budget. Staff indicated budget could support up to two. A. Williams expressed support for the two Central Ave locations. Semprini expressed opposition to the St. Marys location, noting the near-by signalized crossing, and support for Silver at Belknap. Mitrushi reported that, following our last meeting, he had reached out to St. Marys to ask for their input. St. Marys indicated they do not see a need for



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an RRFB for the school. Mitrushi said Portland and Rogers has been the site of fatalities. McDermott suggested some sort of ranking system for cross walks and expressed support for Silver and Portland. Semprini noted plans for a cross walk at Sixth and Horne may be done as part of the broader Horne Street project.

B. Fixed Radar Display Update (83 minute mark)

Mitrushi reported there are seven currently installed (Arch, Glenwood, Fourth, Columbus, Back, Sixth, Court). Have one unit and budget to install it. There are two temporary signs that can be deployed on city-owned poles (not Eversource poles). Mitrushi listed the ten streets with the most accidents, which roughly correlate with ten arterial streets with higher traffic counts.

C. Lower Central Avenue/Stark Avenue Project Update (87 minute mark)

Semprini gave an update on this project, which includes water main replacement, drainage, and street reconstruction. There is a public info meeting on May 19 led by consultant, Sebago. Addressing the McManus email, there will be a signal as part of this at East Watson. Mitrushi shared that plan with McManus.

D. City Crosswalk Policy Update (90 minute mark)

Semprini gave an update on cross walk policy, aligning it with NH DOT and Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices guidelines, and expects to have more information at the commission's next meeting. A. Williams expressed skepticism about DOT and MUTCD designs and will present his comments at a later date.

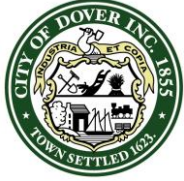
E. Transportation – Master Plan Chapter Update (93 minute mark)

Benton gave an update. Contract signed, May 27 first meeting, SRPC consultant tasked with parking utilization study, volunteers sought, 12-14 month process.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS (95 minute mark)

Schmidt spoke for more than four minutes about poor sight lines going north on Locust approaching Fourth. Semprini noted DOT has plan for a roundabout there, a meeting is scheduled, may have an update soon.

7. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE Tentatively scheduled July 27 at 6:00 p.m.



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8. ADJOURN - Benton moved to adjourn. Munson seconded. Motion adopted without opposition at 7:42 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Fergus Cullen on May 24, 2026