

MINUTES
Dover Utilities Commission
Public Works Facility Conference Room – 271 Mast Road
Monday, July 17, 2006 @ 4:15 p.m.

Members Present: Jay Stephens, Art Hoffman, Roland Hofemann, Donald Andolina, Dan Ayer, Gary Green

Members Absent: Roland Belhumeur, Patrick Bowen

Staff Present: Jamie McCulloch, DUC Secretary, Doug Steele, Community Services Director, Bill Boulanger, Utilities System Supervisor, Sharon Lucey, Water Meter Backflow Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. June 19, 2006

Motion: Hoffman made the motion to approve the minutes. Andolina seconded the motion. **Corrections:** Page 2, Hoffman stated that he did not abstain from voting on the elections. Page 2, Paragraph 1, Green stated that he wanted the following statement he made to be added "Green stated that he agreed with the many solutions to insure proper notice of the required fees, but was also concerned about a precedent being set. He also noted that he thought that when a contractor applied for a permit on behalf of an applicant that he was acting as an agent and therefore the Commission could view this as a proper notice in any future appeals". Vote: U/A

2. ABATEMENTS
None.

3. REPORTS
A. Utilities Report

Sewer: Steele stated that there was one daily max ph violation at the WWTP. He stated that the Durham road sewer replacement is ongoing and on schedule. He stated that the Varney Brook force main replacement has started. He stated that the Ela and Pearl Street sewer replacement has been completed. He stated that the SCADA installation is continuing at the WWTP. He stated that the River Street Pump Station VFD replacement has started with a completion date set for May 07.

Water: Steele stated that there were no bacteria problems. He stated that there will be a north end water pressure neighborhood meeting this Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Mast Road Facility. He stated that construction of the Bouchard Well and Treatment Plant started last week.

Bill Boulanger stated that the Fisher Street project is all up and running and that the I&I (Inflow & Infiltration) work is going out to bid this summer.

Green asked for an MBTE contamination update. Steele stated that the monitoring wells in the area have not had any high hits that have concerned us. Peschel stated that the City is looking at installing three additional monitoring wells to try and find where it is coming from. He stated that the City takes samples on Mondays and Tuesdays and get the results late Thursday afternoon or Friday morning of that same week and if the sample is ever higher than what is allowed, then the well is shut down. He stated that the trace of MBTE in the well is less than 1 part per billion and the State standard is 13 parts per billion, adding that the City has never exceeded the State standard. Peschel stated that if the situation became a huge problem and a treatment system could not be installed, then the City would need to develop a replacement well field at a different location. The cost for any additional treatment system or replacement wells would be covered by a State fund. He stated that the City doesn't anticipate needing to replace the well at this time; it is a worst-case scenario.

There was some discussion.

Green gave McCulloch a sheet, which gave the definition of what MTBE is to be copied for the board members.

B. Abatement Review Team

None.

4. OLD BUSINESS

The board members went over the letter submitted by City Attorney Allan Krans concerning the circumstances where re-consideration of an abatement would be warranted. The letter confirmed the board's prior decision to not re-hear the Hopkins abatement request for 51 Back River Road. See letter in file.

Copies of the work cards for the water that was supplied to the City of Somersworth during the flood were handed out to the board members.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interconnection Study Presentation – Dean Peschel, Environmental Programs Manager

Peschel gave a presentation on the study of interconnection between 5 surrounding communities.

The Water Interconnection Study included ten seacoast water suppliers from Seabrook to Rochester including Dover. The goal of the study was to identify the feasibility of water systems to provide water to a neighboring water system during an emergency, such as the recent flooding in May 2006 when Somersworth lost their water treatment plant for several days due to flooding. The study identified potential interconnections between Dover and Rochester, Somersworth Durham, and Portsmouth. Each connection was analyzed using a water system computer model to assess the likelihood that the connection would be successful. The two most feasible connections for Dover are with Somersworth and Portsmouth.

See file for handout.

Peschel stated that while the study is still in the beginning stages, more information would be coming before the board in the future so that they can make their recommendations on the project.

B. Dover Utilities Commission's Rules & Regulations Discussion

Don Andolina spoke to the e-mail he sent to City Attorney Allan Krans concerning the organic structure of the DUC. He also suggested that each member review the Rules and Regulations and make suggestions on how they can be updated and the board could go over them at the August meeting. He stated that McCulloch will be contacting the City Attorney to request that he attend the September meeting to go over the Rules and Regulations with the board.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Hofemann made the motion to adjourn at 5:50 PM. Seconded by Andolina. Vote U/A.

Respectfully submitted, *Jamie McCulloch*, Dover Utilities Commission