



CITY OF DOVER

## CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

### RESCHEDULED

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Council Chambers - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820  
Meeting Date: ~~Wednesday, February 14, 2007~~  
**Thursday, February 15, 2007**  
Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

1. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**

Those present: Councilors Cheney, Ciotti, DeDe, Keays, Mayor Myers, Deputy Mayor Hindle, Councilors Scott, Trefethen, and Turner. Also present: Acting City Manager Steve Stancel and City Attorney Allan Krans. Those absent were City Manager Mike Joyal.

4. **PROCLAMATIONS – AWARDS**
5. **SUMMARY OF AGENDA**

The Mayor stated we have a resolution to rescind funding for north end fire station in addition there is one for an Energy Advisory Committee plus a couple of public hearings.

6. **CITIZEN'S FORUM**

*Citizens are invited to speak to items that pertain to the business and/or interests of Dover, NH. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.*

Mayor Myers stated the public hearing would not be held on the flashing sign ordinance as it has to be date specific and must be re-advertised. In addition he is asking the council to waive the city wide mailing to any abutter that may be impacted and the public hearing will be moved to March 14<sup>th</sup>. **Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti with all in favor of waiving the mailing.**

The Mayor thanked the ZBA for moving across the hall this evening so the council can use the chambers; he apologized to them.

**Jim Sconyers** of 6 Shawnee Lane is here for the Dover Energy Committee, he wants to clear the air, they are not interested in a one size fits all solution. There is no program that it has to follow; the city will need to find solutions for itself. It will be an opportunity for us to live up to the commitment to become a Cool City. He believes everyone can subscribe to this as individuals as well as a community. They hope to make Dover a healthier and better place for our citizens.

**Joyce Elkouarti** of 112 Bellamy Woods is here for the energy costs and committee, please do this as it is a good thing.

**Sam Allen** of 46 Watson Road is here to ask them to not vote in favor of rescinding the fire station, he lives in the north end and has been reading the report and he is



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deeply concerned. He has talked to Chief Plummer and it would be 9 minutes for them to respond to his house in an emergency. Thomas Jefferson said it is the government's role to ensure the public's safety. This has been an ongoing debate for number of years. He hopes they don't cave in to a voice of a small minority. He thinks they also need to pay attention to Chief Plummer as he is the one responsible for their safety. He thinks they approved the funding so please don't allow a small minority to put this project in jeopardy.

**Ed Bleiler** of 28 Isaac Lucas Circle was surprised to see a letter to the editor in Fosters on 2/14 on the waterfront from Peter Lester. The letter describes the situation on the water front perfectly. Before taking action we must have a complete understanding of the project. He did not realize any expenses that Dickinson incurs will be deducted from the sale price. And he would bet his life on it that they will find more than \$500,000 in deductions and that which is coming out of our sale price. Dover Housing Authority who is responsible for low income housing is now in charge of luxury condos.

**Jerry Marx** of UNH and tenant in the new McConnell wants them to support the new advisory board at the McConnell Center as this will act as a vehicle for communication between the city and tenants and will help find new tenants as well. He urged them to support it.

**Ron Huml** of 199 Mast Road is here for the water front he has talked to numerous people and they feel this property should not be sold. He mentioned the sale of Yoken's property to Shaws in Portsmouth. Now we turn around and invest a lot of money to change zoning to prevent residential growth then we are developing this parcel to be residential.

The other issue is future labor contracts. He thinks they should have the total dollar amount in order to even evaluate the contract. He used the teacher's contract as an example saying he still cannot figure out what they approved recently. He thinks a majority of the money went to the employee ready to retire, just like the Chief of Police. He now sees the school has put in a 6.4% increase. He saw an article in today's paper where Portsmouth is limiting their total budget between 3 and 4% Also about the ambulance service he told them of when he was in Michigan and how they handled getting a new ambulance and how it was paid for. Also he thinks on the north end fire station he thinks they should have it but the downtown one should close.

**Jim Alty** of 36 Toftree Lane is here to speak about the fire department; he thinks we need the fire station, it has been talked about for many years and he thinks they need it. He thinks they should make the businesses fund some of this. He gave his life story including his service as a firefighter and Vietnam vet. He knows what it is to



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be short of people so he wants to see them get this started and go forward with it, he offered his services to them.

**Dan Zoobey** stated he has sent them all an email to reiterate some of the things about the Energy Advisory committee, he thinks this is a great idea and thinks this needs to happen in more cities and towns across the state as we need to be more energy independent. He has traveled extensively and there are a lot of countries that are more environmentally friendly and he would be proud to be from one of these places. It hurts him to see how wasteful we are and he would like to find things to reduce our energy costs.

**Jeff White** of 63 Mt. Vernon Street wants to reiterate what Dan just said, he too has traveled around and used to live in Seattle and they are not waiting for the federal government and we need to take some serious action on this, he believes, to think globally and act locally will work on this. This makes sense on so many levels. He wants them to consider putting an energy advisory committee together.

**Mary Hebbard** 97 Spruce Lane we have all heard the saying don't kill the messenger and it is not an easy task to compile the issues into 5 minutes. They care for this community and want to contribute to it. She wants to use her husband Rick as an example, for example he asked the Mayor to explain after they vote who voted yea and nea on council items for the public's knowledge also he asked the city manager to make the agendas available before the meetings. She mentioned the Tolend dump and the issue on closing it, he does his homework, and there have been a number of issues with no reaction from this council. One issue is the Severino contract which needs to be re-negotiated. Nothing has been done and he knows they are frustrated as well. Another example is the speed limits where he had spoken with the DOT and they cannot do it and Councilor Trefethen discounted this. Rick doesn't care about Maine. She continued with other issues; is it because Rick is bringing the message or is it because they don't care. It seems to her that the city's business is passing resolutions and ordinances. She read from the NH State Constitution regarding the powers of the people. The concerns of every single citizen need to be acknowledged and responded to.

**Don Medbery** of 3 Covered Bridge Lane would like to support everything that Mary says and supports the re-examining the Severino contract and Mary is right when she says you avoid it.

He would like to visit something that was in the newspapers in August of 2006 about the dredging that the Mayor says it is not a problem. In 2005 the Mayor said it was a crucial component to developing the downtown water front area. He read a prepared statement, saying 4 weeks ago he made a speech as he read his article. He mentioned the vote of the people on the separation of the parcels on the water front



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his facts were correct and the Mayor distorted his facts. Also there has been no step increases with the negotiated contracts including those workers at city hall and the funds were appropriated. This is their method of withholding to bring them to the table over the last two years and one worker had 2 children born without a raise during this whole period of time. He continued with his prepared statement on bargaining. Also he does not recall reading or hearing about this.

**Rick Hebbard** of 97 Spruce Lane stated the first thing we can do in reference to the energy conservation as the light pollution from the McConnell Center is in your face.

**Karen Weston** of 42 French Cross is here to ask them to vote no on the resolution by David Scott and to not pull out the fire station. The north end has been developing greatly over the last few years. She would be adamantly opposed to closing the central station. Another reason to keep the money in the budget was the Hampton Beach fire of yesterday; what do we think could happen to downtown Dover if we closed the central station. We have needed this for over 20 years. The north end should have the coverage that we have down this end. This would be money well spent and should be number one on everybody's docket. She also thinks the city manager is going to go out and do a full gamut in hiring a new police chief; she feels this is unnecessary. She thinks Tony is fully qualified. He is already acting Police Chief; it will cost \$20-30,000 and we could save this. She hopes they will direct the city manager to hire Tony Colarusso and build a fire station

**John Scruton** of 99 Sixth Street is here for the water front and the last time he heard it was 90 days; the land is too valuable to put condos on. It is the last green space, let's put this to the people. About energy, over a year ago Shaw's supermarket hired a person to save energy and she has saved them millions, they should think about this.

### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Resolution Re: Charter Amendment – School Board. Sponsored by Deputy Mayor Jason Hindle and Councilor Doug DeDe. **(SEE Item 11C-1)**

**Mary Hebbard** of 97 Spruce Lane is appreciative to be able to speak on this issue. This was a big debate during the charter commission and the motivation was it is very difficult to get candidates. She disagreed with Hindle; the voters it seems to her wanted the ward system but maybe that has changed. She urged them to educate people, she greatly respects and admires Ward 4 School Board representative, Dorothea Hooper's ideas; she also agrees with her that it is a person that has an intimate knowledge of the ward. We should encourage people to run. It is fine to put this on the ballot but please properly educate people on it.



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- B. Ordinance #01-2007.01.10, Chapter 170 Section 170-32, Sign Review and Regulations, Section D(5), Flashing Signs. Sponsored by Councilor Dean Trefethen. **(See Item 11A-1)**

Item moved to March 14<sup>th</sup>.

- C. Ordinance #02-2007.01.10, Chapter 3, Administrative Code, Add Section 3-73, McConnell Center Advisory Committee. Sponsored by Deputy Mayor Jason Hindle and Councilor Doug DeDe by Request. **(See Item 11A-2)**

The Mayor opened the public hearing and seeing no one wishing to speak closed it.

- D. Resolution RE: Acceptance of Ezra's Way and Susannah's Crossing (up to and including Lots 43 and 44). Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers by Request. **(See Item 11C-2)**

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### **8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Planning Director Steve Stancel stated he has been instructed to inform them that the report is in their packet and they should email the city manager with any questions. Hindle commended the city manager for a summary on each of the projects. This helps him greatly as well as the public. The Mayor reiterated the city manager's report is on the city website. Hindle moved seconded by DeDe to accept with all in favor.

### **9. MINUTES**

- A. COUNCIL WORKSHOP – JANUARY 3, 2007
- B. REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2007
- C. SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 17, 2007
- D. REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 24, 2007
- E. COUNCIL WORKSHOP – JANUARY 31, 2007

Hindle moved seconded by Cheney to accept with all in favor.

### **10. MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor stated he has had a busy couple of weeks. He attended a meeting with Carol Shea Porter and also attended Harvey's' 75 years of being in the downtown celebration. He wished them many more years of success. He attended a Mayor's round table in Nashua as he listed the items they discussed.

He continued that he attended an ROTC ceremony and review of the program and inspection where they did a wonderful job and came out very high ranking. He attended an economic development meeting on a downtown issue. He attended Woodman Park School on their



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challenge of raising 1000 food items when in fact they collected over 2400 food items. This past Tuesday morning was the State of the City meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. DeDe and Ciotti were there with him and the city manager along with George Bald and the city manager's remarks are posted on line. Last week was the kickoff of the Dover Reads program with the book *Miraculous Journey* by Edward Tulane. He explained the idea is for our kids to learn from us as we all read the book, then we will have a party in about 6 weeks. He also attended two open houses; one at the Picker House, a small business and the property looks fantastic, this is for artists, also one at Cocheco Falls Gallery. Unfortunately he and Keays did not get to participate in the Heyliger Awards ceremony where they honor coaches of the year because unfortunately when it snowed Keays was upset that they had moved the meeting to tonight. This Sunday morning they have an invitation to meet at Woodman Park School to do a walk through to see the renovations to date with the superintendent of schools.

Hindle moved seconded by Trefethen to accept with all in favor.

#### 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING

1. Ordinance #01-2007.01.10, Chapter 170 Section 170-32, Sign Review and Regulations, Section D(5), Flashing Signs. Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers by request.

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to refer to a public hearing on March 14<sup>th</sup> with all in favor.

2. ORDINANCE #02-2007.01.10, CHAPTER 3, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, ADD SECTION 3-73, MCCONNELL CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SPONSORED BY DEPUTY MAYOR JASON HINDLE AND COUNCILOR DOUG DEDE BY REQUEST.

Hindle moved seconded by DeDe to adopt. Trefethen has questions; he does not see who is in charge of maintenance and he does not mean janitorial, he is talking about big ticket items like a roof replacement and he does not see the capital reserve. DeDe stated the capital reserve will be managed through the finance department and for maintenance the city manager has appointed Gary Bannon. This is different this is a board that has been established to facilitate different issues such as parking and essentially a coordination body. This provides an open channel of communication for the tenants. Trefethen still is not getting the information he wants, is it the finance department along with the Recreation Director. DeDe confirmed it is the finance director that will be in charge of raising the rent for instance if the utilities go up from year to year. What if the reserves show there will not be enough to cover maintenance. DeDe says the leases were



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arranged in such a way to cover this. Trefethen still wants to know about the capital reserve and used the Woodman Park School project as an example and how they are requesting a whole lot more to complete the project. DeDe says what if the reserve fund is not enough and it may not be in terms, with the comparison, the McConnell Center was done almost right on budget.

Trefethen still wants to know about the capital reserve fund if somewhere along the way something such as paving the parking lot needs to be done; DeDe says it would impact the taxpayers. Trefethen says so we are going to rely on our city employees who will be managing the finances of the building, we really have no mechanism to do this. DeDe says most of the systems are all brand new as he listed them.

Keays says every time we do something in the city sooner or later we have to have an advisory committee; it is evident to him that we are not confident in the people running the system. He feels Gary Bannon and our city manager will keep a close eye on that facility over there. He does not see the need for an advisory committee. Let the city people run it. DeDe answers that there are some economies that are available because of the nature of the non profits at the community center and there are grants that are available in a lot of different areas. The synergy that is available is there are several organizations that will benefit from these grants. They will then be able to show that the grant dollars will go a lot further with a collaborative effort and will benefit all the tenants as it is all in one location. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 6-3 with Cheney, Keays and Scott opposed.

#### B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING – NONE

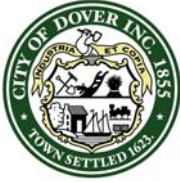
#### C. RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution RE: Charter Amendment – School Board.** Sponsored by Deputy Mayor Jason Hindle and Councilor Doug DeDe.

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt.. Hindle stated he appreciates Mary's concerns. He proposed this because of issues that came up since the charter commission disbanded as the clerk is having problems finding candidates to serve. In the last few years we have had a problem finding school board candidates. He thinks other communities such as Portsmouth that have an all at large system, he explained the Portsmouth system.

Portsmouth has not had a special election for over 20 -25 years. And it costs us \$3-7,000 to hold an election. The school board is different, in fact this evening they are having their 4th meeting in 10 years with redistricting the children with in the different schools, we have about 2500 students in the district; he explained the system.

He noted there is only one school board member representing Horne Street School and one representing Garrison School but several represent Woodman Park School' this



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is different from the council. By having this placed on the ballot it gives the public the opportunity to vote it up or down.

This resolution simply puts the question on the ballot. DeDe stated about Mary Hebbard on the rejection of the charter commission, he too agrees, he thinks the council would be better off all at large as well. Trefethen is in favor of having this on the ballot for the voters

Hindle thanked Trefethen for pointing out that they will still continue to elect a chair, etc from their own as this was his intention. Keays thinks we are taking away the peoples chance to vote for people in their own ward. And you could load up the School Board out of one ward and this is not good democracy, it works in Portsmouth but Dover is Dover. Trefethen moved seconded by Hindle to amend to delete the last line in the first paragraph with all in favor of the amendment. Scott complimented Hindle and DeDe on bringing charter amendments. He will support having a charter amendment but he may not support the question. Cheney says she is a strong supporter of the ward system and when somebody has a concern in her ward she is able to follow through on it. She also knows from having children in the school system. The Mayor agrees with Scott and Cheney's concerns but he is not opposed to putting this to the voters. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0.

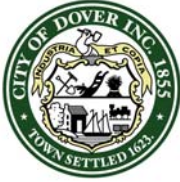
2. Resolution RE: Acceptance of Ezra's Way and Susannah's Crossing (up to and including Lots 43 and 44). Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers, by Request.

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. Trefethen stated this was never intended to be a private road. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0 .

3. Resolution RE: Adoption of FY2008-2013 Capital Improvements Program. Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers by Request. ***(To be removed from the Table)***

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to remove from the table. Motion passed 8-1 with Trefethen opposed. Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. Scott has a concern with the bonded debt. He explained the math according to him wondering what does this mean for the average tax payer. He continued with the assorted math scenarios on in-debt service. He thinks this is premature to talk about the next capital program. We should wait until after we pass the budget.

He will vote no on this. The Mayor reminded them that when we adopted the Fiscal Year 08 CIP this is more the remainder and more or less a planning tool that prioritizes the items for the out years. We are looking to trying to give the city manager direction so that the staff can start some strategic planning. Cheney does not support this at all as she does not support this concept. She does not believe this process is done correctly and does not think this is needed. Trefethen has asked the city manager if there is a requirement in the charter that mandates this and the city manager is checking on this. He voted no



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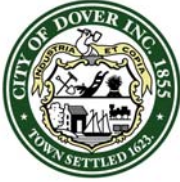
to take this off the table because of the upcoming resolution. This document does not commit the council at all. This just sets priorities and is reviewed every year. The Mayor deferred to Steve Stancel acting city manager and Planning Director who stated these items in the CIP should revert back to the city master plan and this reflects the needs of the community in the 6 year plan. It is very important that the 6 year plan is adopted because as the developer's plans come through the planning process they are not allowed to charge developers their fair share and this is the primary reason for the six year plan. Discussion ensued regarding CIP items that were and were not bonded. Keays agrees with Scott as he mentioned an article in Fosters that retired Captain McDonough at the navy yard stated the funding for the navy yard with be cut back with the war in Iraq so the entire submarine money will be funneled over there and if they cut back the Navy Yard in a year or two there will be people that own property here that won't be able to pay. He also read that the mortgages that people have that own property will be leaving their property, who will be stuck, if you don't have the money you can't fund these things. He thinks we are over funded for a city our size. The Mayor clarified this is not committing ourselves to anything; we can take out or put items in. Trefethen read paragraph C6-9 of the City Charter. He thinks we should take a vote on this. Ciotti stated after 10 years on the Planning Board he appreciates the CIP. This is an opportunity wasted; if it gets approved he is going back to what Mr. Alty said tonight, by neglecting the CIP you waste the opportunity for developers to pay impact fees, and this would make them pay their fair share. He wants them to keep this in mind. Turner stated he did want an updated list, he also thought the title should be 2009 not through 2013. The Mayor says if this is the will of the council to table this one more time we can put the projects that were moved up. He would ask the city manager to get an updated list of what items are where. He wants people to come prepared to do this. Cheney says she has an observation like when we approve something, she says if we take out an item then the impact fees would not apply. Keays asked when the CIP was formed it was not a wish list it was for things we really need. He would like to go back to when the CIP was formed to see the wish list then. We are spending way too much money. Cheney moved to table to the March meeting with DeDe seconding the motion. Motion passed 8-1 with Scott opposed

DeDe wants this on the workshop schedule for next week as part of the workshop before the regular March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Tag Permit – Girl Scouts of America – Cookie Sales
2. Tag Permit – Dover South Side Little League
3. Tag Permit - Dover Baseball



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#### 4. Parade – My Friend’s Place – Walk for the Homeless

Hindle moved seconded by Cheney to grant. Trefethen wants 12A6 removed. Keays want s #5 removed, that leaves the tags, parade and committee reports, motion passed 9-0.

#### 5. **RESOLUTION RE: STREET CLOSURE FOR THE 64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NEW HAMPSHIRE SOAP BOX DERBY RACE.** SPONSORED BY SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

Hindle moved seconded by Keays to adopt. Keays wants to know the cost of the Derby; he was in the first derby that was held in the City. He thinks it is a great thing but he is looking for the expense as there are officers and public works has to make sure there are no pot holes in the road. He wishes more people came out to watch the kids in this event. The Mayor asked acting Chief Colarusso to come forward, they use police explorers and police personal, and there is an expense. Tony stated he is working on this issue. Turner will go this year. Tony says it is a long day for the officers. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0.

#### 6. **RESOLUTION RE: CHANGE ORDER FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR TIP PROJECT; ROUTE 108 SIDEWALKS.** SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.

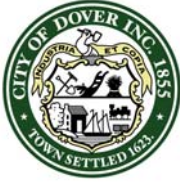
Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. Trefethen would like to hear Turner speak on this. Turner says this is not the second or third resolution increasing the cost. Turner has deferred to Bruce Woodruff. Woody says this is his error as the first resolution only transferred the \$32,000. He failed to authorize the city manager to sign the amendment to the contract and appropriated \$10,000 for the amendment; this is the same issue they saw and he apologizes. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Keays out of the room.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Appointments Committee                 | 6. McConnell Center                   |
| 2. Arena Committee                        | 7. Planning Board                     |
| 3. Cable Franchise Negotiations Committee | 8. Recreation Advisory Board          |
| 4. COAST Bus                              | 9. School Board Liaison - submitted   |
| 5. Joint Building Committee               | 10. Transportation Advisory Committee |

#### B. RESOLUTIONS

#### 1. **RESOLUTION RE: RESCINDING \$2,950,000 MILLION INVESTMENT FOR NORTH END FIRE STATION.** SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR DAVID SCOTT.



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Scott moved seconded by Trefethen for discussion.

Scott explained that his vote for the north end was the wrong thing to do. Adding staff to the payroll brings the benefit package of the city, this new payroll would add a cost of \$400,000 per year and would increase rapidly. He continued about the health insurance costs of employees as he calculated the math and he read a prepared statement. He concluded we have to be careful about adding debt and adding people.

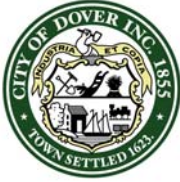
He thinks Ciotti's resolution is better than his.

#### **RESOLUTION RE: NORTH END FIRE STATION DESIGN AND ENGINEERING. SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR DENNIS CIOTTI.**

Ciotti moved seconded by DeDe to substitute this resolution as a whole. Motion passed 7-2 with Keays and Turner opposed to substituting.

Ciotti stated this resolution does not say no to the north end station it puts it off one more year. We have the land, let's design the building; and then build the building. It puts off the actual funding until next year. This addresses the medical response time. This does not resolve the issue if a fire breaks out in the north end. The delay will be 9 months if we pass this. The Mayor says so they have already gone out to design but nothing has been spent. Keays will support the fire station. This has been on the wish list for 5 years. The fire station is very, very important. He thinks the north end citizens want this fire station.

Hindle wants to make a correction that this is 1.9 million, he concurs with Keays in the original support of the CIP vote. He had asked for a building committee during that time the design would be done and there would be an advisory committee to see what needs to be done. Turner stated he was opposed to the north end at first. he did have a presentation but he received an email from Joyal on growth facts in the north end, he listed all the items and how much growth there has been in the north end., he continued listing all the growth and 100's of millions of dollars that have been spent in the north end. The city has spent nothing on the project. Trefethen needs to start now; we cannot afford to hesitate any longer. Trefethen is 100% in favor of a north end fire station however he did vote against it 3 weeks ago, we are talking about the cost of building in the amount of 3 ½ million but he is really concerned about the long term cost of running the building. His concern is it's not simply a substation; this is going to be the headquarters for the fire station, you cannot close this ever. We will have to pay the utilities. You could never close it. Everybody from his end of the city says we cannot afford this. He would not want to see the south end fire station closed in the future. He will vote no again. He has seen no evidence that this council will vote to fund this station. Cheney concurs with Keays on how they go above and beyond in their work. She is supporting this fire station still. This council has the ability to make this a reality. She does not want it put off. She will vote no on this resolution. DeDe's primary concern is the operation that we are putting on the taxpayers. Discussion ensued. DeDe stated as of 7-1-2008 the city contribution will be 26% and the fire fighter contribution has remained unchanged at 9.3% on retirement. He continued



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about the proposed legislation on pensions; he is concerned with the mentality in the Concord delegation. The fire department personal is above reproach. The reality is if we agree with this he thinks this is an opportunity under their control. He continued about further proposed legislation. He has no objection to having a north end fire station but will future councils try to cut back on the staffing level. He will support this resolution.

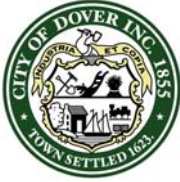
Keays wishes DeDe was slower to act on the McConnell Center and the waterfront and now we are debating the welfare of the fire department; people that have given their life and service. This has been going on for 10 years now and they did not want to look at it. If we lose one family to a fire in the north end then he hopes the people come hang this council. The Mayor echoes all the points people have made, he cautioned do not build this if you are not going to staff it. He clarified we have a very well trained fire staff. We are not talking about building a fire station for employees we are talking about building it for the residents. This is not a reward for the fire fighters and paramedics. The station is for response times as this is the area where the city tends to grow and where the opportunity for commercial growth is. This will require adding people and some overtime. If we do not rescind the fire station we would be bringing additional staff on in a little over a year from now. We are not looking at bringing all these people in on July 1<sup>st</sup>, this is the only phasing that will be done. He will not vote to rescind. Discussion ensued about the pensions again but he says this is not the issue. He wants the fire station to go on as originally voted. Turner asked them to turn to page 17 and 18 of north end fire station report given to them by Chief Plummer as he read portions of it. Trefethen has point of order on what a no vote is and what a yes vote is. The Mayor says a yes is a vote to rescind and allocate some money for equipment and design. A no is a vote not to rescind.

Krans does not think this is a rescinding resolution. This is only a slowing down of the CIP. Ciotti says this does not reflect on Chief Plummer at all, this is him being a fiscal conservative. He is aware of Turner's list as he voted for all of them on the Planning Board. This resolution only slows the spending down and he agrees with everything that has been said here. When he looks at this it tells him this is a major priority. Where's Medbery and Bleiler when you need them. When the tax bill comes around you will get the emails because we have to pay the piper.

Trefethen asked is there a provision to rescind in the future. Krans disagrees with Trefethen as there will be a substantial investment. Trefethen finds himself in a no win situation. If he votes yes it delays it one year. Hindle says there was another opportunity to vote no when the building committee was formed and when we voted for the 1.9 million and that was another avenue to vote no. Trefethen assumes there will be a design contract coming to them and that will provide another opportunity. Motion fails on a 4-5 roll call vote with Cheney, Hindle, Keays, Myers and Turner opposed..

## **2. RESOLUTION RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DOVER AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 11. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.**

Item pulled.



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### **3. CREATION OF ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS.**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. The Mayor stated this is for the creation of the Ad Hoc Energy Advisory committee and it will be made up of 5-7 people and the chair and council will approve names through the Mayor's report and they will complete their work Sept 15<sup>th</sup> of this year and will report to the city council. He has had several citizens that wish to serve. Cheney will support this as we learn a lot about the way we do things. Trefethen will not support it. He thinks instead of an overriding policy and he does not agree with the concept of global warming as presented. The problem with the Cool City is eventually it will be used against us to do things that do not make economic sense. Turner agrees with Trefethen on these points. Discussion ensued. He doesn't know how he will vote. Ciotti stated he is in favor of this idea as he sees it as a committee to oversee cost saving measures in the buildings such as lighting, etc. Motion passed a vote of 6-2 with Keays and Trefethen opposed with DeDe out of the room.

### **4. RESOLUTION RE: WAIVER OF DEEDING TAX YEAR 2004 UNPAID PROPERTY TAX. SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS BY REQUEST.**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt. Stancel referred to the RSA that this motion refers to.  
Motion passed on a vote of 8-0 with Cheney out of the room.

### **5.**

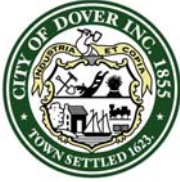
#### **C. ORDINANCES IN THEIR FIRST READING**

#### **1. ORDINANCE #03-2007/02/14- CHAPTER 166, SCHEDULE I, NO PARKING AT ANY TIME – EZRA'S WAY. SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR DEAN TREFETHEN, BY REQUEST.**

Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti with all in favor to move to a public hearing on March 14th.

#### **D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

1. LETTER FROM GUILFORD TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES, INC. REPRESENTED BY PAN AM RAILWAYS INC. – IN RESPONSE TO CITY OF DOVER ZONING ORDINANCE NOTICE
2. LETTER FROM STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN RESPONSE TO MAYOR MYERS COMMENTS REGARDING THE COUNTY BUDGET



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3. LETTER FROM COMCAST – REGARDING PRICE CHANGE
4. WETLANDS APPLICATION – SAWYER’S MILL ASSOCIATES, INC.
5. WETLANDS APPLICATION – INDIAN BROOK DRIVE/MEMBERS WAY AND SIXTH STREET
6. LETTER FROM TOM FARGO REGARDING OPEN SPACE PRESERVED IN DOVER

Hindle moved to accept and place on file seconded by DeDe, Trefethen wondered if Guilford would get a letter, Stancel says yes. The Mayor commended Tom Fargo for his letter and he wants to place this on the city website. DeDe noted we have 2400 acres of Open Space in Dover. Motion passed with all in favor.

### 13. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Hindle stated with respect to the Mayor’s letter to the County Commissioners are we having a workshop with regards to being informed on policy by the March 31st deadline so we are able to comment on the County budget before it is adopted. The Mayor stated we can get copies for the council of the county budget or we could invite the County Commissioners to a workshop council meeting. Turner would like to learn more about it. DeDe tried to go on the website of the County and could not figure it out. The Mayor says this is not something we are going to cover in an hour. The Mayor says Earle Goodwin and Peter Schmidt have a good knowledge of this County budget as well as George Maglaras and Ray Bower.

Hindle wants to make the public aware that Earle has been picked by the Governor to be volunteer of the month for the month of February.

Scott reminded homeowners that March 1st is the deadline to file for abatement.

The abatement form is simple, if you miss the opportunity you have to wait a whole year. The Mayor says on March 5th in city hall there will be a forum on and discussion on adequate education at 6:30 pm, he will get more information for them.

### 14. ADJOURN

Keays moved seconded by Cheney with all in favor of adjourning at 10:25 PM.