



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

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

Those present: Councilors Cheney, Ciotti, DeDe, Keays, Mayor Myers, Councilors Scott, Trefethen and Turner. Also present: City Manager Joyal and City Attorney Krans. Deputy Mayor Hindle is out of town on business related travels.

4. **PROCLAMATIONS – AWARDS**

The Mayor stated we have a light agenda with a public hearing on the waterfront re-development, reaffirmation and it will then be referred to the 6/13 meeting; also we have an audit resolution.

5. **SUMMARY OF AGENDA**

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.

Otis Perry of 91 Court Street is here as former chair of McConnell Reuse Community Center and wants to present an award for best preservation success of the year from Main Street. He mentioned Dover also won 3 other awards for best sign, presentation of Factory on Fire and best promotion brochure.

Don Wood of 12 Dover Point Road in Ward 3 is here asking that Mr. Scott please try to find the will of people before he tries to do something. Keays asked him to please take his hat off. He wants to say Mr. Scott's comments do not agree with the majority of the citizens of Ward 3.

Marilyn Follansbee of Dover Point Road has read in the paper about the salaries of a 5 year span, then Dover wins accounting award, she too would like to keep taxes down, but what are they going to do about contracts that were made 5 years ago. In order to cut down expenses some important things in the budget may need to be cut such as children's librarian. They are only satisfying a few persons that seem to require an audit. About the waterfront she hopes the pile of winter sand still stays somewhere that is usable for the folks. This is an important issue for her. This is a little thing but very important. This city gives good services and she urges lets not be unreasonable about the taxes. She urged young couples to save their money as they will need it.



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Don Coffey of Hawthorne Road stated the meeting about Applevale was held on the 14th of May and was well attended, these streets have to all be reconstructed not repaved, he explained how they are in the CIP and 6 years out Hawthorne from Stark to Newport is at a grade 8 or 92% corroded, no good. This is where the council comes in as they set the priorities. His suggestion is this will have to be started no later than spring of next year. Before that starts he wants the water/sewerage updated in that area. He does not think the community over in his neighborhood will wait beyond next spring to have this street corrected. The last thing is that he hopes the city council has appropriated money for the Christmas holiday to decorate the City.

Karen Weston of 42 French Cross Road says the City looks beautiful. She would like the city manager to give a couple of updates one on the Tolend Road, she thought it was a continuing operation going on there also French Cross Road, the pump station there she would like an update on and the new issue is the bridge on Covered Bridge Lane.

Mike Dwyer of 543 Sixth Street bought his house in 2003; his 1st house with one of the best real estate agents around. He recently received a letter from the City requesting \$10,000 for abutter's fees on the sewer going by his home, he has researched and he cannot find the date of the resolution that the city approved the project, the date was 12/1/2001 so he can continue his lawsuit.

Edward J Bleiler 28 Isaac Lucas Circle wants to speak on the budget, the City Council must understand there are cost pressures and they must be offset. The two areas that must be examined are the retirement funds and the number of city employees. He listed the increases in the retirement fund expenses to the State. To make the situation even worse Dover has at least 70 more employees than the 5 comparable communities in their area peer group. He continued with the numbers. To offset this, the city must maintain some sense of fiscal responsibility; we cannot finance every pie in the sky wish list, we cannot continue down this road.

Jerry Lynch of Lincoln Street wants to comment on the Planning Department and wants to verify what he meant when he spoke before. He thinks Dover is being overdeveloped and pretty soon we will run out of room.

Rick Hebbard of 97 Spruce Lane has come up here a few times with different issues on roads and ROW's and who owns the road, he brought a book "The Hard Road To Travel" with several situations and about the ownership of the trees in the ROW. He has ordered these books with his own money. He will donate one to each ward representative and the City Manager and Mr. Krans, Mike gave the Clerk his for us to keep in the Clerk's Office. The reason Rick is giving the books to us is it is budget season and they need this book to help them make decisions about the roads. This



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council in the future will have to expend more money in the future to take care of trees in the ROW.

Mary Hebbard of 97 Spruce Lane has prepared remarks regarding the road issues and the ownership thereof. She read from the book that Rick distributed. She read a passage from the book regarding where a private person owns on a roadway. The Class 6 committee has all received a copy of this book as well. The council needs to know what is involved with the road projects. She continued about the law suit still pending with regards to the tree cutting on Back Road. She urged and challenged them to use this valuable resource.

Glenn Grasso of 1 Pebble Hill Drive stated all these new people know why they live in Dover. They are tired of personal agendas. Dover is a great City and they do not want to see it move backwards. There are those who care about the direction of the city and all of these people support the city council as it moves forward and they are the majority.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak the Mayor closed Citizen's Forum.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. RESOLUTION RE: WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT OVERSIGHT REAFFIRMATION.
SPONSORED BY MAYOR SCOTT MYERS. (**SEE ITEM 12B-1**).

Don Wood 12 Dover Point Road of Ward 3 encourages Scott to vote for the waterfront resolution.

Dorothea Hooper of 84 Katie Lane read a prepared statement saying she visited Dover several years ago, then she moved here 14 years ago and it was not built up and she is happy to say that even with all the increase in population. Here in Dover we have the best of both worlds. The quality of life is good, we now have a community center in the McConnell Center and it is a beautiful building. She listed several Dover entities that people enjoy here in Dover. She explained the waterfront plan and commended the committee that has been working on this. This is a wonderful opportunity for the citizens of Dover. She urges them to turn this back to the DHA as this is a win-win for Dover.

Barbara Caron of 46 Cushing Street and has been a resident of Dover for 70 some years, earlier when she and her husband first opened Christine's and the successor is still there, she listed the stores in the downtown area. She continued DHA is a successful authority it is recommended and known as a high performer by the Federal and State government. A lot of our programs are emulated by the city. The housing authority very carefully chose the committee. Dickinson has taken an



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attorney from the city to guide them. Please leave them alone to do their job and the council should do their job.

Gary Green of 18 Footbridge Lane of Ward 5 stated it should be easy for the council to pass a positive vote. Many citizens have come forward in favor of it. And there are a number of speakers that have spoken in favor of the waterfront. Many have pointed out to him that he is a new resident however he has traveled here for 40 years on business. He concluded by thanking each and every member of the CDWAC for their hard work. He urged them to set an example of what can be done. A yes vote is a vote for Dover's future.

Steven Viel chairperson of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce stated he owns 2 businesses here in Dover. He knows they have seen a lot of press and he is here to affirm the waterfront project. He thinks the objections have been addressed in the term sheet. This will set the tone for Dover to be a destination by land and by water. When you take the politics out of the debate; they will have to admit this is one of the greatest opportunities for the City of Dover.

Jerry Lynch of Lincoln Street stated what worries him is the pollution down there and the Brownfield down there; will Dover have to pick up the tab for this cleanup. Also we are still putting in hazardous waste from the river there. There is a big pollution problem that worries him. It is on the Master Plan for Dover as a hazard. He thinks we should wait. He mentioned a \$50. check he has on his wall and this keeps reminding him. He continued talking about the aquarium.

Matt Silvia stated he works for TD Bank North and in 3 weeks he will be a first time homeowner in Dover. He wants to express his support both for the bank as well as himself personally. By developing the waterfront we are investing in the downtown. This land is currently not on the tax roles and it will make the downtown more valuable. It will allow Dover to be seen as a community open to economic growth. He urged them to keep in mind the goal of the Master Plan that was to development the waterfront.

Bill Shaheen of 73 Perkins Road in Madbury stated he is a Dover boy and he has roots and several businesses here in the City. He mentioned his Dad that contracted polio at the young age of 9 by swimming in the river here. He supports the waterfront project. He encourages everyone to vote in favor. He is very proud of this City.

Tom Fargo of 14 Cobble Hill Drive is here to urge them to vote positively on giving the authority to the DHA; he stated he had a whole list of talking points, he started to read a JFK speech by changing a few of the words.



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Eric Chinberg stated he is a developer and property owner of 1 Washington Center and is here to give perspective on the waterfront. He was not one of the finalists; he thinks Dickinson has done an outstanding job. He thinks the committee has come up with a plan that looks like a viable and excellent plan. He thinks the project is similar to many he has done. He listed all the developments that he has done in other cities. This is an infill project area. The vibrancy is difficult to measure in the downtowns. Dover needs people living downtown. He knows there is skepticism; he thinks this is a remote development. Somebody will make this dream a reality. He does not think there will be any families with school age children. The long view is the real benefit to the city. The biggest thing is the Brownfields; it seems as if there was a project started and the developer proceeded in good faith and we need to leave the committee alone to let them to get this done.

Jim McKenna of 22 Reyner's Brook Drive moved here from Philadelphia since 1986, he listed his credentials; he is a physician at the hospital. He recalls before the hospital was expanded there were people that were opposed to their project. He stated how the hospital competes with any medical facility in the area. He wants to compare this to the waterfront; this will make the city a wonderful place to live. This needs to be done and he urged them to vote for the waterfront.

Stuart Kahl co-founder and CEO of Measured Progress started in Portsmouth in 1983. He listed their history and how they came to Dover and how they have grown tremendously over the years. They moved to Dover looking at the future. He likes to think they have been good for the city, Dover has been good to them. They are over 370 in full time staff plus many part time individuals. The Children's Museum is a tremendous coup for the city. They support the resolution to re-authorize the committee.

Don Andolina of 59 Littleworth Road read a prepared statement. He is here to profess his support for the waterfront development. He has pondered the issue on both sides after listening to both sides of the issue before reaching his decision. He listed the McConnell Center, the Children's Museum and to the City Council's credit they have achieved the first two goals, surely we must compete or surely we will parish. He read a quote from a story. He asked them what will it be, a yes vote is a vote for the people of Dover and the waterfront on June 13th.

Dick Martuscello of 12 West Concord Street has lived here since 1959. He stated he worked for Stuart Shaine's Men's Store until their closing in downtown Dover. He would like to tell them from experience they opened in 1972 but from 1990 the downtown Portsmouth store had become a great store. He was against the current plan at the beginning but deep down he knows this project will be good for the City of Dover. He asked the council to vote in favor of the project.



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Vicki Blanchette thanked the council for requesting this forum for the public; she stated she is an old time New Englander, born and raised here and she hates change but she has followed the waterfront meetings. When she started hearing a little more about Dickinson, she went to her boss and told them about it and her boss says Dickinson is not giving us a bargain. The City is getting the short end of the stick. She gave a story about the place where she works; and the more she thinks about this, Dickinson is really offering us a good amount of money. She really wants the city council to keep their votes; she urged the councilors to vote for their constituents and vote for what they think is right. She wants them to stand firm.

Tom Massingham of 36 Prospect Street in Dover we the taxpayers of Dover stated it is waterfront property level and clear and is not providing any tax revenue, it can be put to good use and can be developed and we all can benefit from this. He read a prepared statement on the progress the waterfront parcel has followed and how the vision is coming to life. The developer has spent thousands of dollars anticipating that the city will move forward with this project. It is time to act like the professional responsible partner the city should be with this developer. It is time to move forward.

Joseph Allis of Newmarket stated he has property abutting the waterfront parcel. He has had the pleasure of seeing a development that was done by Dickinson in Massachusetts and it is a great development he is in favor.

Otis Perry of 91 Court Street stated when he was at the awards dinner he could not help but think of other communities and how they have developed them. Our project is the best of all of them. It is a deserving project; he listed several of the downtown accomplishments that occurred during urban renewal. The Main Street programs also received support from the development of the downtown. He gave a brief history of prior councils paving the way for the waterfront vision. He urged them to support the committee.

Bill McCann of 20 Fisher Street stated he is a lifelong resident and was pleased a couple of years ago when the council approved the original resolution giving authority to the Dover Housing Authority. He thinks over the years we have done a lot for the downtown area to re-develop in a way that will bring in revenue and business as well as open space to the river. He urged them to reaffirm this vote on the 13th. It bothers him that people that are opposed do not have any real reason to back up their opposition to it. This project will be in the best interest of the City and will provide for an increase to our tax base; this is the way to go; please vote yes.

Gail Moore of 30 Silver Street has lived here since 1970 and has participated by speaking at various meetings. She listed the Dover attractions and the walking availability of the downtown. She has served on the urban renewal of the 1970's. Now 30 years later there is still the same old Dover negativism. This waterfront area



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can enhance the City for all of us; we have to move forward. This waterfront acreage will increase Dover's attractiveness.

Karen Weston 42 French Cross Road must start off by saying she does not know how many are against this but there are some concerns on the term sheet. She is not a detractor; she leaves the name calling to the elementary children. She is a concerned citizen of Dover and has some concerns about the term sheet; she is having a hard time understanding it. She would hate to have us sign off then wish we had straightened things out. She has not seen a change in pricing with the decrease in the area on the term sheet. She thinks with regards to the term sheet we need a cop that we do not pay anything beyond that. The city needs protection and she does not see how we can approve it until then. Don't vote until the loop holes are taken care of.

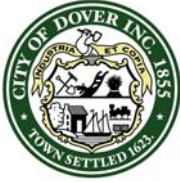
Michael Provost, Executive Director of the Main Street Program, stated many years ago Dover residents expressed a desire for the waterfront vision. The desire has always been to develop the waterfront area for the benefit of visitors and citizens. In view of these efforts Dover Main Street asked the council to re-affirm the developer.

Lynn Carey of Stark Avenue of Ward 3 about 20 years ago she and her husband stopped in Dover and never left. After listening to the professionals speak; she is very supportive of this project. She thinks the details are up to the professionals she hopes they all vote for it.

Mark Moeller resident of 80 Cottonwood Drive stated he is a resident and also has a business on Central Avenue, but he is here to speak tonight as a resident and is strongly in favor of the waterfront development and he is very excited about it. He reviewed the history of the waterfront committee. He says you placed the development with the right group. He has served on the board for a year now. He is troubled by the resolution passed and authority was given to DHA in good faith; the people applied to develop and Dickinson was selected and they played by the rules of the game. They have spent \$200,000 on the reliance based on the resolution. He now understands the language was a little unclear; he thinks this City Council should honor the moral obligation of this resolution.

He mentioned his part in a Main Street production and how he spent a full day at the top of Garrison Tower; it gave him a whole new perspective on the City. He asks this City Council to support the waterfront vision. We are all citizens of Dover and are stuck with the responsibility of cleaning up that property; we cannot sell it that way. He wants the council to honor the commitment to the committee.

Joyce El Kouarti of 112 Bellamy Woods wants to express her support for the waterfront committee. The developer in question and she have not always seen eye to eye. Out of their tensions grew a beautiful design. Recently she stepped down from the



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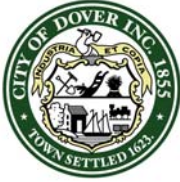
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waterfront committee as well as other committees as she needs a personal life. She has full confidence that the committee will remain the same if she is on it or not. She knows their decision will be thoughtful and well considered. She hopes it gets built and knows it will be good for Dover.

Don Medbery of 3 Covered Bridge Lane sees the vote is on June 13th this is a memorable date for him. He wants to address a couple of minor things; he spoke of the misinformation here; he was never opposed to the waterfront. He commented on the commissioner that is here to correct an error. There was no error as the Mayor said himself this would be coming back before the city council. We all understood this. If the people really read the appraisals the NY appraiser endorsed the waterfront and this is an ethics violation; he should have been objective. He thinks the city needs to develop its waterfront. He thinks the appraisals need to be updated. Also the \$700,000 moving of the footbridge and some of the money should be put in the City of Dover treasury. He thinks the city manager is pushing for the term sheet as is. He would like some of the items tweaked and addressed before signing.

John Scruton of 99 Sixth Street thinks the city council should keep control of this land until it can go to a public vote in November. His idea is to develop this land as a park and have it be mowed once or twice a year. It could be used year round by different groups and one day a week for a huge market day. Dickinson may have the best condos in all the world but once they are there it will restrict the usage. We need flexibility there. Development knows no boundaries unless somebody says enough is enough. He thinks we have tulip mania here going on. That downtown waterfront area should be a common. He brought up a Little Rock recreation map of a community design corridor as he held up a picture of a park. He discussed the problem and noted Maine has big problems with developers with losing their waterfront. He wonders if there is any low income housing in any of this. He gave a scenario of several other cities in the country. The Department of Agriculture has funds no matter which way things go.

Ed Bleiler 28 Isaac Lucas Circle stated for all the people that have asked for the facts here they are. He wants to give the city council a positive and honest appraisal. His group does feel the waterfront should be developed but do it for the taxpayers of Dover not for the developer. It is unfair to the city councilors and those they represent to set up a situation where the councilors are prevented from asking questions of the appraisers. This is just what Dover did when they made the appraisals available only on the Tuesday before the last week's meeting. How could any councilor absorb all of this in this short a period of time; he continued with the math on the value of the property. The term sheet is backwards. He explained the value of the property saying the city does not know the true value of the property currently or the amount of cleanup and should not go forward.



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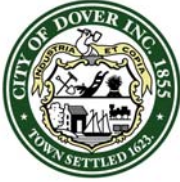
Janet Perry of Arch Street and co-owner of Nicole's on Central Avenue stated without the development of the waterfront the downtown will slowly deteriorate. Everything goes up; she thanks them for their parking study. If we don't bring stability to the economies, she sees her business shrinking and they will not be able to grow without some stimulus. She sees the development of the waterfront as very important to the economy of the downtown. She urged them to move this project forward and give the project back to the committee.

Glen Grasso of 1 Pebble Hill Drive thinks he has a sense of humor his count is now at 22 with 4 undecided with the rest in favor of the resolution. He strongly supports this development. He attended the workshop to listen and to learn last week. Despite the best intentions of the prior council this has become a political football. It is clear what these people are against, but not what they are for. He concluded before he moved to Dover he was a professional musician. In Dover there is no central location but if he sits in Henry Law Park, he feels he is at the end of the earth. His point is this suddenly puts Henry Law Park in the middle of the downtown. It might even be decent place to play the Guitar.

Steve McCusker of 2 Goldpost Road has been watching and listening and he has no plans on leaving Dover. He remembers when the Newington mall was built and those brave souls in the downtown and it was scary and it was not as vibrant as it had been previously. He gave the scenario of how people then came back to Dover when the mill was developed by the large insurance company. He is a 17 year veteran of the fire department and this was a hazard at one time. The downtown looks a lot different than it did 15 or 20 years ago. We do need parking because there is going to be a lot of people. He urged them to think this way. He is happy it is back in the council's hands and when people look back in history they will give this council credit for making this happen.

Nancy Boyle of 4 Bellamy Road stated she did email each and every one of them last week; she wants to publicly state what she said then. She is an elderly taxpayer and would like other folks to come in and help her pay for the taxes in the City. She supports the fire and police and she hopes they support the Dickinson development. She used to live on the waterfront as a young girl and remembers what it was like down there.

Matt Cox is a lifelong resident of Dover and business owner in the city and is here to express his support of the waterfront development. One thing that has become a pet peeve of his is we assign a committee to study things and they came in with a unanimous recommendation and then we reject the informed people's opinion. He urged them not to do this but to listen to the experts. He had questions but he thinks they have all been answered. He does not think there is a lot of disagreement in the



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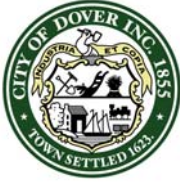
room right now. He thinks it would be dangerous to not proceed right now. He is concerned if the project does not happen now it will be the last time for the next 20 years. He thinks we are on the cutting edge of this development.

Dana Lynch of 36 Cardinal Drive says everybody has stated what he was prepared to say. He is a licensed engineer and has been trained to keep an eye on the big picture. The rewards of perseverance of focus make a vision into a reality and it is a rewarding experience. He has been before councils about 40 times regarding the waterfront development and all of these efforts have received profuse support from prior councils. This vote taken 2 years ago made this discussion possible tonight with the 4 proposals that have been presented and narrowed down to Dickinson. This is not about short term profit nor is it about personal or political gain this is about making a decision that will yield a long term benefit for the community, our children and our children's children. Dover is no longer the smelly old mill town that relatives and friends warned us about not to move to 25 years ago. This community has embraced a vision of the waterfront and the economic benefits it will bring. He trusts they will do the right thing to make the community's vision a reality.

Frank Torr of 1 Old Littleworth Road is here to give a historic perspective; he is on the Waterfront Committee, Dover Planning Board, Strategic Planning Committee; he continued to list all the committees he serves including the Urban Renewal back in the 1970's as he proceeded with the history of the waterfront. He then read a letter from his daughter Patty Torr, former Mayor of the City and former Planning Board member and how she is unable to attend tonight's meeting and while Mayor her council started this waterfront project. This project has been decades in the making. He added that he also has the 1971 resolution. He urged them to be positive with their votes on the 13th.

Ray Bardwell of Spur Road wishes for softer chair's here in the Chamber. There has been a lot of talk tonight and we have invested a lot of money down there. This was all done with a vision; the clock is running and is restricting us taxpayers. He views this as when we go out to buy an industrial park but we don't have to buy it; we are selling it. He thinks the waterfront park should be more of a contribution from the city and some things may have to be tweaked on the term sheet. He offered suggestions. Check and balances, what else do we want. He does not think the people that are against have presented their case successfully. Remember they are looking out for our future.

Ken Appel of Isaac Lucas Circle stated he has listened tonight and the proponents seem to think the upside is a strong downtown. The down side is that the investment development community will lose faith in Dover. The opponents have said we could get a little more money for the project. He thinks the risks of not going ahead slightly outweigh the slight gains in money by holding off and discouraging this developer.



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Norm Fracassa of 1 Penny Lane thinks people know of his position on the waterfront and he comes as a resident, parent and husband. Tonight he is paying someone to watch his children as his wife is working at the hospital. They enjoy living here, they enjoyed the Dover Revealed, the train station; they also look forward to the Children's Museum. Both he and his wife want to see this project become a reality. This project is not just for the here and now but a stimulus for a vibrant downtown. He urged them to reaffirm what they did two years ago and vote in favor.

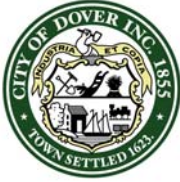
Bill Garrison of 4 West Concord Street stated he is strongly for this development; he moved here 8 years ago, friends from other communities have joined his family to spend time and money in town and have commented on the positive changes here. This puts a smile on his face. He is truly thrilled that so many business owners and residents have come out to speak on this.

Kirt Schuman of Cushing Street is in the minority hopes the Yankees are up big. This development has been a recommendation of the Master Plan for the last two decades. The vision of the community has been grand and the vision has been met. This will bring downtown Dover on a par with other cities in the area throughout New England.

James Boos of Hayes Lane in Ward 3 stated his wife is also small business owner, he is for this project. He mentioned the park end of the deal and some argued that this past Saturday all of the pavilions were being utilized. He thinks this is unsubstantiated as an argument for the opponents of the project. Other than that he wants to express support for the council giving authority back to the DHA.

Jan Nedelka of 169 Dover Point Road Ward 3 is here to support the waterfront and voice his support for the project as a whole. Please do vote to support this on the 13th. He thinks the questions Turner has been asking are sincere and that differs from others who ask the same questions over and over again.

Chris Wyskiel lawyer in Dover represents Dickinson Development and it's also a privilege to be a resident involved in this community. He also shares the frustration of not being able to jump up and clarify things from last week's workshop. He would be remiss in not countering Mr. Bleiler, all the infrastructure will be done at Dickinson's cost that is not yet quantified; this was negotiated. With respect to the price in the term sheet it was with the assumption that the land was clean. He also wants to counter the scare tactics of all the pollution. He also believes Keys when he says there was a dump located there but there is just no remnants of pollution remaining in that area. He reiterated that he also believes GZA too when they say their test borings show there is no evidence of this anymore. He hopes his letter of May 14th will be made part of the record. There are no remnants of toxic wastes that



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are a part of the Dickinson Development. He addressed Turner's concerns about the risks stating there is little gamble in going forward with this term sheet.

Jim Schulte is a Dover resident of 2 Towle Avenue and a member of the committee and he has been before them a couple of times regarding this project; he wants to correct two statements made tonight that were clearly wrong, the first is Mr. Bleiler said the developer is dictating what should be done. That is exactly the opposite. The developer is being required to put this park in. Secondly the Mayor was misquoted about what happened at the council meeting that approved by a 7-0 vote the housing authority. He read a transcript of the meeting he was referring to. If they have to bond this group would not be able to do it on their own; they would need to go to either the council or the housing authority. The resolution reflects this; he reiterated the facts of the term sheet.

Patty Foster of 194 Dover Point Road thanked them all for their efforts in time as well as the work of the waterfront committee. Dana Lynch has done an amazing thing for the City of Dover for over 20 years. She wants to clarify the position of the paper on the waterfront as it is clear this is a moment in time and well studied. It has been coming up a little too frequently that we (Fosters) have been endorsing this project. They have pretty much done their own urban renewal in the City. She wants them to know and understand these opportunities are few and far between. She is perplexed many of the councilors ran to keep taxes low for Dover and she cannot think of better way to keep taxes low. She cares about the City and is here for her Dad. She is happy with the citizenry acting as they should. She thanked them for their critiquing and challenging and because of this they will have a better product.

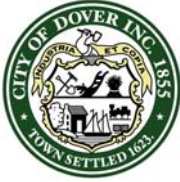
Linda Merullo of Long Hill Road stated in anticipated hope to get the project underway she has been to numerous meetings and they have her overwhelming support. She is a member of Master Plan and Planning Board and she hopes they will vote yes on the resolution.

Aviva Meyer of 1 Pebble Hill Drive thanked them all for their patience. The term sheet is not the final document. There is still time for the final details to be worked out. Please give the authority back to DHA and move forward.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak at 9:52 PM the Mayor closed the public hearing.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The city manager stated he has provided the statistics on legal items for the month and some citizens asked about an update on the Tolend Road and he will give Karen Weston a call on this and Dean Peschel can give an update. There was a question



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about a letter that was received on the covered bridge on County Farm Road, he will look into this.

Cheney wants to know about the boards on the Webster's dam. The city manager will keep her informed when the City has been apprised. He thinks a letter came from FERC. The Mayor wants Mr. White to follow up with the resolution on the lien on Sixth Street.

DeDe moved seconded by Ciotti with all in favor.

9. MINUTES - NONE

10. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated Dover Main Street held an awards dinner on Monday was held and they recognized several projects also two volunteers including Janet Perry and Mark Marino that were honored; Otis Perry asked him to mention this. Hindle asked him to mention the JBC hired Page and Stone to do the retrofit for the McConnell Center. Also the finance department has been awarded the excellence in reporting. This is the third consecutive year this award has been received on the high standard of financial reporting.

Also he attended the fire safety festival at all the schools that was put on by the Dover Fire Department called "Willie Wonka and the Safety Factory". He also attended the culmination of the running club put on by Lynn Allen's 3rd grade class in WPS in doing this it focuses on fitness and ties into math skills with the kids.

The Mayor invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day ceremony where the public is invited. He noted the different start time of the two workshops next week; Tuesday's workshop will be at 5:30 PM and on Wednesday at 7 PM because the Veteran's Ceremony starts at 6 PM on Wednesday and Councilors may want to attend.

Turner noted tomorrow is a meeting about Willand Pond and the neighborhood notifications did not go out but the presentation will start at 7PM on Thursday May 24th.

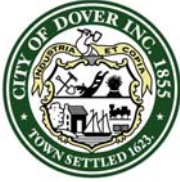
Cheney wants to note a couple of other events. The Mayor asked her to wait until Council Matters of Interest. DeDe moved seconded by Ciotti to accept with all in favor.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2ND READING - NONE
- B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3RD READING - NONE
- C. RESOLUTIONS - NONE

12. New Business

- A. CONSENT CALENDAR



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1. TAG PERMIT - DOVER HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER BOOSTERS

DeDe moved seconded by Ciotti to adopt with all in favor. Ciotti made a motion to pull the Appointments Committee Report with DeDe seconding the motion. Ciotti listed the appointments of Jeff Johnson, Arts Commission, Jim Kelley to ZBA, Kim Hasham Dugal, Rec Advisory Board and Greg Nesman to Rec Advisory Board. DeDe moved seconded by Trefethen adopt with all in favor.

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: Waterfront Development Oversight Reaffirmation.
Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers. **(To be referred to June 13, 2007 Meeting)**

DeDe moved seconded by Ciotti with all in favor of referring to the regular meeting on June 13th.

2. Resolution RE: Authorization to Seek Request for Proposals – Professional Auditing Services – Disbursements of Unused Leave.
Sponsored by Mayor Scott Myers by Request.

DeDe moved to adopt with Scott seconding the motion. Scott is glad to see this is moving ahead; this is a result of Keays resolution in January. There are 500 auditors in the Boston phone book; and he has 3 of them he would like to include in this request for quotes. KPMG a very large international firm, they used to be called Pete Marwick and Mitchell. This firm audited the Dept. of Revenue in the State of NH, the 2nd one is UHY and they have about 200 employees in New England. 3rd is a smaller company called Braver PC and they have audited the City of Providence and he would like these 3 included in the RFP and give them 2 weeks to respond and he wants to see the wording in Mr. Keays original proposal. The Mayor asked is there any reason why these 3 names of auditors can not receive the RFP. The City Manager says they are all on our list already. Then Scott wants them to have two weeks to respond from the time it is sent out. Scott made this a motion with Ciotti seconding the motion for discussion. The cm says 2 weeks is enough. Motion for



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two weeks passed with all in favor of amendment. Scott wonders when the RFP will go out, the city manager stated by next Tuesday.

Scott wants language of what Mr. Keays original resolution (from January) where it says "the audit be conducted of all the applicable documents and records of the City of Dover including but not limited to personal files, payroll records and all of the underlying documents giving rise to the contractual obligations such as the merit plan". The Mayor asked the City Manager why this language is not in the resolution. The City Manager says it suggests the auditors would need to do a legal opinion and that is not what they do. The Mayor read the clear intent of the resolution wording. Scott persists "all of the underlying documents giving rise to the contractual obligations such as the merit plan" should be included. The Mayor directed him to item #5 and to add the "merit plan" Ciotti seconds the motion with all in favor of merit plan under page 5 and #1, after City Charter.

Scott stated he wants a list of names of what municipalities the firm has performed work on for over the past 3 years. The Mayor asked are we giving this additional weighting when choosing someone; then we need to be up front with this in the RFP. Trefethen stated his assumption is that we will only send to firms that have demonstrated that they have municipal experience. The City Manager would expect that some of them will not do municipal accounting; but expects if they want to do the work, they will. The Mayor asks where, under item 2, the City Manager wants it in Section 7 as he read at the end of the first paragraph "specific municipal experience required and list the last 3 years of engagements". Trefethen seconded the motion with all in favor of the amendment.

Scott thinks it would be useful to note it is about 10 people that exceed the \$40,000, the City Manager thought it was 12; the City Manager says he is not certain but 12 or whatever the number actually is.

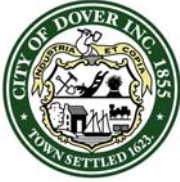
Keays would like to see the former City Manager in there. Keays moved to amend to add the former City Manager along with the number of employees to be determined, Scott says he was at \$36,000 and that was awfully close. The manager stated if that is the will of the council, he will add it. Motion was seconded by Trefethen. Amendment passed by all.

Main motion passed 7-1 with DeDe opposed.

C. ORDINANCES IN THEIR FIRST READING - NONE

D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

1. WETLANDS APPLICATION – STRAFFORD COUNTY COMPLEX – ACCESS ROAD



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Hindle moved seconded by Ciotti to accept and place on file with all in favor.

13. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Cheney stated there were two events she attended recently, the Middle School 5th and 6th Grade Band and choir and also she attended Mid-Summers Night Dream put on by the high school that was very enjoyable and fun. Lastly she thanked the Hebbard's for the book that they all received tonight on roads.

Trefethen stated because Mr. Bleiler asked to be corrected the city contribution rose from \$500,000 to 2 million dollars but the \$500,000 does not include the school portion but the 2 million dollars does so the dramatic rise is not as has been indicated. Secondly, the statement that the park was not part of the 2005 charette; this is *not* a true statement. The park has always been a part of the charette as he helped to write it.

14. ADJOURN

DeDe moved with Keays seconding the motion to adjourn at 10:30 PM with all in favor.