

Ed Bleier, Isaac Lucas Circle-change occurred on November 6th and this bodes well. Thanks to all that ran. This provides choices for elections. 37 % of eligible voters turned out. He offered 3 suggestions: 1. Fire station is Fair accomplish and has been voted on by this council. The only issue is staffing and Chief Plummer can do this without breaking tax cap rules. Do not allow this to become another McConnell Center. Check items before signing. 2. Cable committee-why do we have a committee for 2 years if there is nothing that the council can do? 10 years is too long and recommends 3 years. Tax levy for franchise fee was 2.5% and the public should have the opportunity to comment because of changes to the contract. How will we know the revenue received if Comcast doesn't open the books to us? The Federal

Dan Medbury-Councilor Dede stated that we could not afford the McConnell Center. There then ensued a point of order question from Councilor Dede concerning the truth of comments and Mayor Myers responded that this is a citizen's forum. Mr. Medbury then spoke about voting to fund insurance for ineligible employees, specifically the former City Attorney. He stated that the Comcast Cable is signing our lives away for 10 years and there are millions of complaints. This should go back on table so that the citizens can make more comments since the contract has changed. Also, during the election period the union firefighters invaded communities door to door discussing dire consequences with loss of services. He proceeded to discuss councilmen also doing this at Niles Park. Councilman Dede spoke up and said that this is a lie and Mr. Medbury stated that he will bring people before the council to prove this.

Mayor Myers opened the Citizen's Forum asking if anyone wished to speak:

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.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

2 items of major attention tonight will be the North end fire station and the Comcast renewal

5. SUMMARY OF AGENDA

4. PROCLAMATIONS – AWARDS


Councilors Present: David Scott, Dean Trefethen, Harvey Turner, Catherine Cheney, Dennis Ciotti, Doug DeDe Deputy Mayor Jason Hindle, Robert Keays, Mayor Scott Myers. Also Present City Manager Mike Joyal and City Attorney Allan Krans.

3. ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Hindle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

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Paul Bowler, 5 Green St- Retired Fire fighters. We need to do this and not back off. They will need Fire Fighter coverage as North end builds up. This has been discussed for 20 years. If it is built we need staffing and apparatus. This is a priority for the city. Also, water pressure is not good in the North end. You need good pressure because if the water pressure drops too low then you start taking water from homes. Please don't let the fire fighters down. The revenue from the new businesses goes somewhere and the Fire station needs to be built and staffed.


Rick Callaghan, Councilor elect- Speak in favor of the North end fire station. We have already spent money in our taxes and the staffing levels are below standards. Building later will cost more. If 1 or 2 houses are saved it is worth it. He handed out a negotiation tool to assist people on both sides of the fence. Information is coming in fast and suggests the items will help with timeline and project management. Committee can be empowered to oversee spending and explain disbursement and results to the council. Council will still retain power. Clerk of the Works will be a critical component. Please support this measure and stop delaying. Tyler Foss-concerning the cable contract- Public hearing has been raised and the contract has been amended. Please support the contract.

Glenn Grasso, 1 Pebble wood dr-1. Does not care about the cable contract. As long as there is a contract the citizens will pay for the service. 2. The money on conservation easement is worth pennies on the dollar over years and centuries. 3. Is discouraged with the levels of acrimony at this podium. 4. Feels that Mr. Medbury has insulted our professional firefighters. She does not want to rehash the election. The firefighters were 1 group of many that banned together on this tax cap issue, first amendment political rights. The firefighters went out as private citizens. She suggested that the crass language used towards her was a travesty and that everyone should be meeting civilly.

Gary Lynch, Lincoln St-Does not agree with the previous speaker.

Dana Lavertu - Thanks everyone for recent election and is also the former chair of the Cable Committee. Strongly encourages passage. 4 years work done and all reasonable avenues investigated. Federal law impacts cable renewal. Very difficult to not renew cable contract. The items considered are 1. quality of service, 2. Ability to provide service and 3 the future needs. There were multiple public hearings and all standards were met. The public access channel is key. We could put the franchise out to bid but the city must go through this renewal process and must still be equal to current franchise. This is the best possible agreement for the City-service, cost and coverage

government is getting involved and will make changes. Table this issue until public can comment. 3. Conservation money is not a necessity under the tax cap. We could use this money for North end fire station staffing. This is the first chance to make right decision concerning the tax cap.

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10. MAYOR'S REPORT

144 hours and they would come in a timely manner. Motion passed 9/0
 minutes within 2 weeks of the meeting. Myers responded that draft minutes are available within
 Motion made by Deputy Mayor Hindle, seconded by Dede-Scott requested that he receive
 C. Regular Meeting-7/11/2007
 B. Continuation of 6/13/07 Regular Meeting-6/20/2007
 A. Regular Meeting-6/13/2007

9. MINUTES


Report submitted is writing. Projects are underway at the Butterfield building. Foundation on
 track and we are progressing with the McConnell Center roof. The bids are back and next week
 we will interview the 3 lowest bidders. We will plan for replacement in the spring. Scott wanted
 the next city managers report to include payroll with benefits and payroll without benefits by
 major departments. He also wanted an update on the McConnell Center requesting operational
 revenue and expenses, money invested and cost to complete. Joyal responded that there is a
 list of positions by name, salary and benefits already available and wanted to know what the
 value of the additional information would be to the council. Scott felt that it would be easy to pull
 out to better understand the budget. Cheney wants it in a spreadsheet so that the information
 can be manipulated and sorted. Joyal responded that it is formula based and that the data
 could be misplaced, changed or sorted incorrectly. The current PDF is accurate and cannot be
 manipulated. He stated we will provide the data- we already provide more than most cities and
 cautioned that the data may no longer be accurate. Some of the reports of a financial nature are
 of a program that is a standard report and this is not easy to put into a spreadsheet. May take
 some time. He is sensitive to staff time and the need for information. Myers asked if anyone
 else wanted this. No one responded- current information is enough. Joyal stated that revenue
 and expenses are in the report every month. The additional roof is \$250,000.00 and the total
 expenditures are approximately \$8.0million. A portion of this was renovation and a portion was
 fitting the space. Deputy Mayor Hindle made a motion to accept the City managers report
 seconded by Clott. Passed 9/0.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS -NONE

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, they Mayor closed the Citizens Forum.

Aviva Grasso, 1 Pebblewood- Watching the citizen's forum trash talking is reflected on the
 officials. We never said that we did not want to protect citizens. Cable contract should pass.
 Dover should have public access.

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for Dover. I can not support this because of the 10 years and they did not push reaching all residents for 35 years and hopes the rest of the councilors will not support this. Cheney stated that she did research and there are answers that are needed. Experts in the field say we are lucky to have 10 years. What other options are there for residents. Length of contract is such that we need answers. What are Comcast's plans with other frequencies. When digital is mandatory what will happen? Need more background and a mini workshop. Has our City attorney looked into this? This contract looks fairly good but we need answers on integration with new technology. The Chair of the committee was present and able to answer questions. Under federal regulation we cannot mandate technology. We can ask but they do not need to answer. However, I believe they will make services available to current users. This contract does not compel people to buy cable. This is market driven. This contract is in the middle of the range for pricing. Cheney questioned the 180 days for new construction and was informed that they typically go in when other utilities go in but they do not charge resident until wired. Cheney also asked about the technology grant and was told that they believe it is a good concession.

Dede remarked that it is contingent on the 10 year deal. It was discussed that the committee had last met in April and concern was brought up that they should meet to look at this contract however they were informed that the changes were not substantial. Scott felt that from a business standpoint he is not satisfied with the internet service and the companies' lack of responsiveness. He thought they would be more responsive if they had a 3 year contract. He was informed that the internet was not part of the discussion except in relation to good will. This process takes 3 years so as soon as we signed it would start again. Scott replied that competition is good incentive. It was discussed that competition is allowed ability to compete is the same. Clotti questioned what we are locking ourselves out of technology wise for 10 years. Turner questioned why Comcast would want 10 years so much. They fell confident about this term and wonder also what we are locking ourselves out of. The answer was that the motivation may be to not keep tying resources up may be worth something. Turner commended the committee on their work and asked if channels would remain the same. He was informed that they can do what they want with the actual numbering system. Local receivable channels need to remain the same. Trefethen stated that regulation of cable keeps coming up since 1984. If regulation comes forth does contract prevent us from following new regulations? There are provisions for federal regulations.

Mayor Myers stated that people have the ability to not buy the product. Cheney questioned rules surrounding franchise notification and asked if these are in place. Joyal responded that we need a more refined administrative procedure. The cable company will be in the review procedure just like public utilities. Cheney questioned if we can honor this provision and Joyal responded it is already being done. Cheney asked if there were any guidelines concerning rat control and was informed that we can not discuss that without regulatory authority. She asked if legal has looked at this and

the cost. Will be voting no but if we bond and build it then I will vote to staff it which will be a tremendous hit. It is a need that comes at the expense of others. I will vote no tonight.

Dede stated we received notification of work done by Joint Building Committee. There is a bid reduction to remove rain water tank. Plummer said that the pellet furnace and rain water was originally not in the budget but people wanted to see if we could make it more efficient and environmentally friendly. But we backed these out. Dede asked the perceived advantage of pellet. Plummer stated it was a 4 year payback so they went with conventional heating. Dede asked the operational cost impact on the generator, substituted lighting and electrical fields. Plummer replied that the lights were the same, just a different manufacturer so no change. The generator has a capacity of fuel and run time for 18 hours instead of 24 hours. Dede wanted to know the future effects of changing to concrete curbing. Plummer responded that it is not a disadvantage. This may be something we have to change and reevaluate if needed. Dede asked about the sewer line removal. Plummer responded it was septic vs. sewer and this would be addressed with another contract that will fall below the allowance. They need to work with Public works so that they can be tied into by others in the future.


Keays questioned the change in the brick. Plummer stated that it originally had more expensive stone. Keays wanted to know if it was had or soft brick and the answer was hard brick. Keays does not agree with concrete curbing as it won't last and granite is more feasible. Plummer stated that they will relook at that if needed.

Ciotti also had issues with the curbing related to salt and plows. Scott realizes that granite is more expensive but the long term quality and life of the product are important.

Keays wanted an explanation for the differences in brick. The architect said that it will still perform and last. Keays also questioned PVC vs. Copper and feels the decision to go to PVC will not save us money long term. Plummer agreed to look into this.

Scott asked the architect if geothermal had been looked into and the architect replied that the wells on the site would not produce enough geothermal. Cannot afford this with the established budget therefore natural gas was chosen. Scott thought that a 4 year payback should be considered. Architect explained it would cause an additional \$40,000 cost. Plummer stated he had promised not to come back for 1 dime and it will be on budget.

Mayor asked what supports that price guarantee and what is protecting us against cost overruns. Plummer explained the fixed price direct bid places the reward and risk on the bidder. Testing and assessment have already been done nothing should come up unforeseen and he has given his word. Mayor asked who is monitoring this and Plummer explained any change order goes through the architect, code enforcement Clerk of the Works to be done by spec. No payments are made until segments of work are completed. Mayor requested the expected delivery date and Plummer responded September 15. Joyal stated that the sewer line may increase because of residents being able to tie in for future sewer usage. Cheney wanted to know if the committee will discuss changes such as the granite curbing. Plummer stated they will do that and find substitutes.

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