



CITY OF  
DOVER

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop  
Meeting Location: City Hall Auditorium-288 Central Ave,Dover,NH 03820  
Meeting Date: January 16,2008  
Meeting Time: 7:00 pm-

### 1. JOINT COUNCIL/PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP 2009-2014 PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Councilor DeDe led the Pledge of allegiance. Councilors: Callaghan, Cheney, DeDe, McCusker, Mayor Myers, Councilors Scott,Trefethen and Weston were present as were Chief Plummer filling in for the City Manager. Ron gold of the planning board was also present. Public Hearings will be held in Feb. The criterion for CIP is an estimated annual aggregate yearly cost of \$10,000 and 3+years useful life. We have made strides in decreasing debt and moving into the operational budget since debt financing increases the cost of the project. We will mainly be looking at FY09 at this time. We will have Department Heads available to answer questions. Water and Sewer is paid for by user fees. Page 14 and 15 show State Statutes on debt limits and the amount a City can borrow. City of Dover has stricter policies than the State. Page 19 shows the summary of projects by financing source.

Page 27 shows the list of items to be discussed.

Finance System Upgrade-to is shared with School. Current system is 18 years old. Issues with tracking and reporting. These are audit requirements. This is for software that could be used by many different departments. The first year has support and year 2 would require a maintenance agreement. Part of the fee is for training and conversion of data.

Community Service projects were discussed next. City Hall improvements were for front steps and entry way where marble is chipping and it is a trip hazard. Also includes painting of the clock tower. A/C also included which has been debated in the past. Cocheco project is because of high water that has caused erosion. Some of the land fill exposed. Need to restabilize the bank and have worked with DES on method. Basin area will need additional dredging. Cemetery Master plan needs money or columbarium which is a structure that holds urns. Very popular; easy to maintain and uses less space. Additional information requested that will be made available for the next meeting.

Police-vehicle replacement. 5/4 schedule currently which was a change in the last Council.. Used to transfer vehicles to other staff. This amount is for 4 vehicles. Discussion continued about what cars could be used and what additional purchases may be required if changes are made.

Fire-handout on current inventory. Ambulance needed-ours is 13 years old and typical life is 7 years. Community Services-replace Street sweeper. Dire need of repair costing approximately \$26,000.00 and it may also need a new motor. Second project is overlays and a list would be available soon. We also need to look at the infrastructure beneath to road to prioritize, especially if water and sewer tied to the project. Third project is 11 bridges needing preventative and corrective maintenance. Fourth project is EPA requirement for investment in draining. Discussion continued on how road work is prioritized and the methods used.

Fast Tran services were discussed next. It could potentially serve 500 people downtown for shopping. This could become part of the comprehensive plan for parking in downtown.

Willand Pond repairs were discussed next. Dover is applying for grants> It was discussed whether Somersworth is also applying for equal amounts in grants.

Recreation Department-first request is for overall monies for improvements to parks with no specific work targeted. Second request is for a bus as the current one has 277,000 miles on it. The third is for improvements to the soft ball field: field orientation, lighting, and parking. It could become more multi use and connected to rest of park. Trefethen asked if user fees come close to covering costs and the answer was that the leagues are being asked to chip in money. And the lighting is being billed to men's softball. The bath house facility is 38 years old and needs major renovations, replacement and relocation. There is a tour of facilities coming up and this could be included.

Library main issues are with requiring new carpets as the current ones are 20 years old and are a trip and cosmetic issue.



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**School Board looked at 3 aging schools: Horne St, garrison Elementary and Dover High School. The Committee recommended that the renovations be carried out over 6-8 years. A draft report is due soon. The other item was the financial software package. Water and Sewer projects are self sufficient and based on user fees and do not affect tax rate. Motion by Trefethen seconded Callaghan to adjourn.**