



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP- MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Council Chambers – 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2008
Meeting Time: 6:30 pm

REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Cole, Marcia Colbath, Dean, Perry Plummer, Dean Trefethen, Doug Steele, Donald Andolina, Tony McManus, Frank Torr

REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT: John Swartzendruber

ALTERNATE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Stock, Kirt Schuman

ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Merullo

STAFF PRESENT: Christopher Parker, Planning Director, and Jacqueline Pease Recording Secretary

Chairman Ron Cole opened the workshop on the CIP at 6:35 pm.

Christopher Parker stated that a few of the councilors had questions regarding the CIP. There is a memo from Doug Steel on your desk. He added that Frank Torr had some questions regarding Tolend/Watson Roads and the County Farm Bridge. There were no requests for any department heads to be present. Dan Lynch, Finance Director is present. He has copies and a handout from Perry Plummer.

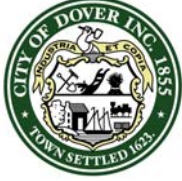
Frank Torr asked when the last time Tolend and Watson Roads were paved and when Piscataqua Road was paved and if there was reconstruction at that time.

Doug Steel said there was a study done for Tolend and Watson Roads in 2005. There is a paving history in that study. Tolend Road has had a series of different pavings from the late 80's and the early to mid 90's where different sections were overlaid. In 1994, Watson Rd. was reclaimed, ground up, regraded and paved and that has already failed. The reason it failed is because of the road bed, which needs to be addressed. They have identified through borings, what needs to be completely reconstructed and what sections need to be reclaimed and paved. Very few sections just need some shimming over. There is extensive under drains, drainage, ditch line work that needs to be done out there. He didn't look up Piscataqua Rd. but he knows that it hasn't been done since he came to Public Works, in 1990. They did do a shim coat on Piscataqua, Tolend and Watson Roads to hold the roads together until the design work can be done and the actual reconstruction.

Christopher Parker asked if the County Farm Road Bridge would alleviate truck traffic from Tolend Rd.

Doug Steel said that it would but regardless, these roads need to be redone.

Frank Torr said he is asking because he is feeling there is a major impact from the surrounding towns. He said that the road will be affected from Liberty Mutual and a lot of people come in from the outlining areas. He thought that the potential of moving the bridge up might have some impact. He's not trying to delay the other work because he knows that Watson needs works.



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Dean Trefethen informed the Board that the City Council had a goal setting session and one thing that came up that will probably fall under infrastructure, was the policy on sidewalks and road construction and repair and maintenance. Maintenance is not only repairing but which roads are plowed and not plowed. When we go about approving projects there are a lot of them that are in the zone where kids should be walking to school. Some are close to the school, within ½ mile, but the children are bussed because there is no sidewalk. He felt the Planning Board should be looking at closing the gaps to complete a system within an area. Hopefully, the end result would be that the school would spend less money on bussing. He feels that parents that are leery of putting the kids on the bus are leery of letting them walk and will drive them to school anyhow. He thought the Board should be looking at that, particularly in the greater core. We should be asking developers to fill in sidewalk gaps.

Chris Parker handed out a spread sheet that Tony and Ron asked him to do. It's a comparison of the CIP projects with the Master Plan.

Donald Andolina said he brought up the point at the Council meeting that both Tolend and Columbus had a lot of truck traffic. We are looking at spending \$100,000 on Tolend Road. He asked if there were any weight limit signs and whether there was any enforcement. All the signs must have been knocked down by plows because he did not see any. If you want to avoid spending money on these roads, we need to get more aggressive in enforcing the weight limits. Those trucks are digging up the roads everyday starting at about 4:00 am.

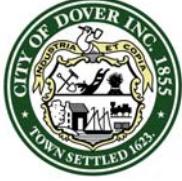
Doug Steele said that the Police Chief did a response to that. Doug said that he doesn't believe that there are any signs out there.

Chris Parker said that he would get a response from the Police Chief.

Dean Trefethen said that several surrounding towns will be posting many of their side roads because of frost heaves. They will post their roads "No Trucks" for 6 to 8 weeks in the spring. It is one of the prime times that damage is done to the roads. That is another thing that we can look at.

Marcia Colbath asked Dean Trefethen, as part of the 20 goals of the City Council, one of the goals was working with the Open Lands Committee on the plan for the protection for open spaces, but in the CIP there is no funding. She asked what that goal was and how they plan to go about it.

Dean Trefethen said that the interpretation is that there are funds available from grants and some from people who convert Current Use land to subdividable land. We are going to have to get creative in using that money. The goal is to get creative and aggressive with grants, recognizing that we will have limited money compared to what we may have had in the past. The goal is to preserve land whenever we can but we need to recognize that the cash figure from the bonding is being cut off.



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Marcia Colbath said she wanted to bring up the fact that when they complete a project coming up this spring, the amount of money the Open Lands Committee has brought in for conservation will be more than the funding provided by both the Current Use fees and bonded money. It will total over \$4 million and closer that \$5 million that the Open Land Committee has been able to utilize from outside funding when they complete their next project.

Linda Merullo referenced page 20, under Community Services, the transportation impact project that the City wants to do. She thought that Chris told her there was an 80% match for these projects, but on page 30 it doesn't appear that every project is an 80% match. She said that on page 21, under Education, she thinks that it is a 30% match but nowhere does it say so under TIP or under Education. She doesn't know if the figures represented are the full amount for the projects. Could it show that they are 80% match and not show the full amount? She knows that we pay out and then we get reimbursed. She asked if there could be another column showing the % of the actual amount of the project. She felt this could be misleading.

Chris Parker explained under the TIP, the City has to put the whole amount out and then we get reimbursed. Chris explained that in some cases there has been money that has already been set aside. He said at different intervals in the process, the City sends out invoices to DOT and they send a check back. As far as the education, depending on the type of project, there is a 30% or a 40% reimbursement. His understanding is that we need to allocate the whole funding and then the State will reimburse the City when they agree that the funding is accurate and has gone through the process. He believes that it is 30% for educational facilities, and 40% for administration.

Linda Merullo said that we are not showing that we are being reimbursed with an asterisk at the bottom. She asked if there should be another column. There should be a notation because there is no way to tell there is a match.

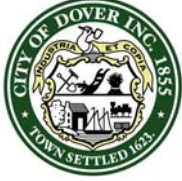
Christopher Parker said that it can always be changed for next year.

Ron Cole closed the workshop at 6:55.

Terry Dunn asked if he could speak. Chairman Cole said that he could speak now or wait until the public hearing.

Terry Dunn, 15 Lakeview Drive, was concerned with the request for sidewalks on Route 108. He asked where the project was in the planning stages.

Chris Parker said that they are finalizing the right-of-way. There are places where they need easements from landowners abutting Route 108. They have been working with Winchester Arms Apts. The desire is to create a sidewalk and a grass strip for safety. The final design shows that all but for one piece along Willand Pond, because of the tightness of the right- of-way in that area, will be able to have a



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grass strip safety zone along most of the project. The securing of the right-of-way is just about complete. We have gone to bid and hope to start the road construction this season.

Terry Dunn noticed, as part of the CIP, there is a request for a million dollars for Willand Pond remediation. He asked why the City of Dover feels it needs \$500,000 when 85% of the pond is in Somersworth. According to DES, the problem doesn't lie in Dover but it lies in Somersworth. He wants to know why Dover needs to spend that money and why it can't be put into Somersworth's court.

Dean Trefethen said that we are going to share in the cost. Somersworth is very committed in solving the problem. What you need to keep in mind is that even if most of the pond is in Somersworth, Dover owns most of the land around it. The damage that is being done is on Dover land and most of the pain that is being felt is to Dover residents. We are trying to get the ball rolling and they are hoping for a grant from the State. He hopes to not spend the full amount and for Somersworth to step up to the plate. Every indication is that they will do that. We need to put a dollar figure out there so that we have money to work with and the hope is that we won't be spending the full amount and we will get help from Somersworth and the State. We have had a lot of damage to the park and some of that will need to be redone. People have wet basements and losing trees and it is not a good situation.

Terry Dunn said that he understands the need to correct the damage and find a solution but he fails to understand why Dover and its taxpayers are paying for this damage. He said that it doesn't require a law suit but it seems to him the City of Somersworth approved those plans that cause the problem and the State of NH also approved those plans. No one is anxious to point a finger at the City of Somersworth or the State, but in all fairness, the Dover taxpayers should not have to pay for someone else's actions. He doesn't understand why Dover has to pay.

Dean Trefethen said that one thing that is part of this and by no means the end all, but because of the wet weather we have been having for the past 2 ½ years, the water table has risen and not just in Willand Pond. He used the gravel pits as an example and said that people that have never had wet basements have wet basements.

Terry Dunn has done a lot of homework and gone the State and the University of NH. He knows the consequences of rainfall and the affect of taking down trees and putting down impervious surfaces such as roofs and tar. Even Dover bears some of that responsibility, but the bulk of that problem lies with Somersworth. He can see Dover sharing some of the cost but he doesn't see Dover picking up the bulk of the cost. He thinks that it would be an injustice for the City of Dover to do that.

Chairman Cole re-closed the workshop at 7:04 p.m.