

Answers to Councilor Weston's questions

1. Total Project to date is \$4.2 million.

\$4.2 million is the currently approved total budget for the dredge disposal facility. The dredging is not included in the \$4.2 million. Inconsistent federal funding and lower than expected dredging productivity in the winter conditions have stretched an anticipated two year project into five years and counting. One more year of dredging is needed to complete the project and there are not enough funds available to complete the project this year. Consequently, the dredge cell will be left open at least another 2 years if funding is secured to complete the project. The existing \$4.2 million budgeted will not be enough to finish the disposal cell project. The cost to operate the cell an additional 3 to 5 years as well increases in labor, equipment and fuel costs will raise the ultimate total disposal cell costs.

2. How much cash is left?

There is currently \$872,328 unexpended of the \$4.2 million budget.

3. How much cash was paid in from others?

A total of \$2,529,259 has been paid to the City for disposal fees to date.

4. How much did the federal government reimburse us?

\$1,460,800 has been paid by the federal government (ACOE) to the City in disposal fees.

5. Any future reimbursements coming?

Yes, the City has agreements with both the ACOE and PSNH which protect the City's financial stake in the disposal cell. The agreements are identical in that a final accounting will be performed at the end of the dredge project and the dredge cell is closed. A formula will be used to determine each user's final cost to use the cell. The formula is:

$$\frac{\text{Total Cell Cost}}{\text{Total Volume Disposed}} \times \text{Users Total Volume} = \text{Final User Fee}$$

Total cell cost – The total cost to design, construct, operate and close the dredge cell.

Total disposal volume – Total dredge volume disposed in cell.

Users total volume – How much each user (ACOE & PSNH) disposed of in the cell.

Remember that the City is responsible for 20% of the Federal Government's share of the disposal costs. Therefore, the final cost to the City for the entire dredge project is 20% of the ACOE disposal costs. The City pays nothing toward the dredge work in the river.

6. How much is it going to cost to close the spoil site?

The original contract included \$600,000 to cap the cell once it was full. The cell will not get completely filled with dredge spoils as the project has been scaled back. That cost was based on closing the cell in the fall of 2005.

The City is currently exploring long term alternative uses of a partially filled closed dredge cell. Options include a snow dump for City snow removal operations in downtown Dover, reserve for potential future dredging of the Cochecho River when economic and federal budget conditions improve, or obtain permission from NHDES to place other contaminated soils until it is filled. Once a decision is made as to what direction to take, a final cost to close can be determined.

7. How much has the project cost Dover taxpayers to date?

The City of Dover invested the funds to construct and operate the cell. The agreements with the users should limit the City's total liability to 20% of the ACOE disposal use fee. The actual cost to the City will depend on how much dredge spoils end up in the cell and how much of it is the ACOE's share. To date the City has expended \$3,281,523 and has received \$2,529,259 in disposal fees.

8. Was the dredging to include a marina?

The Cochecho River dredge is a federal navigation channel project. The federal channel varies from 60 to 30 feet wide and extends from just downstream of George's Marina to the Piscataqua River. The project also includes the construction of an off load facility on the City's River Street property and additional dredging required to provide access for the dredge contractor to utilize the off load facility.

PSNH performed dredging along George's Marina as part of its cleanup of the former coal gasification plant located there. PSNH agreed to perform additional dredging along the City's property as part of negotiations providing access to the City's dredge cell. The additional dredging provided additional deep water along the City's River Street property. A marina or public dockage has been discussed as a future use for the additional dredged area. Currently, the proposed redevelopment plan by Dickenson Development shows the usage of the area as public dockage.

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Dear Councilors,

As chair of the Parking Garage committee, I am writing to urge your support of the ordinance being considered tonight. I have had conversations with some of you where you have voiced concern regarding our proposed makeup of the committee and the possibility of non-residents serving on the board.

Our recommendation was worded to include broad representation for the Parking Board, to include representation from the various stakeholders. Please keep in mind that our recommendation also stated that appointment to the board would follow the existing appointment process, which would ensure City Council oversight on all appointments (including any non-residents).

Ultimately, our committee is ok with a "resident only" limitation, but please note that by limiting the board to only Dover residents; it may exclude business/property owners who are taxpayers from playing an active role in the management of downtown parking which have direct economic impacts for downtown businesses, employees, residents and property owners.

By supporting the ordinance as written, you would support the intent of my committee's recommendation while maintaining council oversight of the parking committee. The selection procedure presented ensures that there is adequate representation from the organizations specifically listed with all other nominations coming from the City Council's appointments committee.

The most important consideration to note is that either way, the Council retains ultimate authority to approve/disapprove membership when individuals are presented to them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kirt Schuman