



**CITY OF DOVER**

## DOVER PLANNING BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Council Chambers – 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820  
Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2008  
Meeting Time: 7:00 pm

**REGULAR MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ron Cole, Frank Torr, Dean Trefethen, Don Andolina, Marcia Colbath, Kirt Schuman, Doug Steele

**REGULAR MEMBERS ABSENT:** John Swartzendruber

**ALTERNATE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ron Stock, Linda Merullo

**ALTERNATE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christopher Parker, Planning Director

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm.

Stock sat in for Swartzendruber

### 1. Citizens' Forum -None

### 2. Approval of the November 18, 2008 Minutes

Motion: Andolina made the motion to approve the minutes, Steele seconded. Vote: U/A.

### 3. New Business

- A. Consideration and possible acceptance of an amendment to conditions of approval (increase housing calculations) for a previously approved (December 19, 2006) Conditional Use Application of land for Varney Brooks Lands, LLC and Thornwood Commons, LLC, Assessor's Map K, Lots 19, 19-1 & 19-2 and Map M, Lot 4, zoned ETP/RCM, located on Thornwood Lane, and Middle Road. (P06-51)**

This item was withdrawn.

**B. Presentation and discussion of Recreation Chapter of the Dover Master Plan.**

Parker handed out the updated chapter. The board will have a presentation by the consultant retained for the project at the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting.

The board is encouraged to submit questions or comments to the Department prior to December 24, 2008, so they may be forwarded to the consultant.

### 4. Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible vote on the City's proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) FY 2010 - FY 2015. The CIP can be found on the City's Web Site at [www.ci.dover.nh.us](http://www.ci.dover.nh.us) .**

Chairman Cole asked the board to bring items to the floor they wished to augment.

Schuman asked Steele a question regarding the North End Water Tower project.

Schuman, Stock, Andolina did not have any items to remove.

Trefethen spoke in favor of the proposed project on Mast and Spruce Road and the need to improve safety and make the area more pedestrian friendly. Additionally, he spoke about the Council's desire to adhere to financial constraints placed upon the community.



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Torr has concerns about the proposed expansion of Maglaras Park and is not in favor of the scope presented in the Maglaras Park Master Plan. He is in favor of keeping the item in the CIP, but wishes to review it more in depth as it moves up in years.

Torr also spoke regarding the proposed bridge over the Cochecho River off County Farm Road. This project will change the traffic patterns in the region and is important.

Discussion ensued regarding potential Federal dollars to improve. The board believes the City needs to be prepared with potential projects if monies become available.

Plummer spoke in favor of the CIP as presented.

Discussion ensued regarding how prioritization is done with capital projects.

Parker suggested that after the Council has finished the CIP process, and before next year's begins, the board could have a workshop to discuss how projects are recommended and evolve.

Merullo spoke in favor of the library and parking improvement projects; does not support the Thompson Pool projects.

Colbath supported Torr's concerns about Maglaras Park, and stated the City should withhold any plans until the waterfront has been developed. Also supports the Mast and Spruce Lane sidewalk projects. Believes that we need to place roadway infrastructure improvements ahead of any recreational projects. Colbath also hopes the School Board will reevaluate the planned school building improvements.

Cole spoke in favor of reviewing the recreation items at a future workshop after the Master Plan update.

Motion: Torr made the motion to recommend the CIP as presented. Andolina seconded. Vote: U/A.

### **5. Staff Comments**

Parker handed out the 2009 schedule for Planning Board meetings.

### **6. Committee Reports**

Discussion regarding the timelines for the subcommittees to finish their work. Cole suggested that the board discuss this fully in January 2009.

### **7. Adjournment**

Motion: Torr made the motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm, Schuman seconded. Vote: U/A