

DOVER PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
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PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR DOVER

The Public Meeting concerning a proposed conservation commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall by Vice-Chairman Robert T. Sheldon. There were ten members of the public present.

ATTENDING: Planning Board: Vice-Chairman Robert T. Sheldon, Arthur J. DuBois, W. R. Chandler, Planning Director

Council: Edgar Bois, Ambrose Breen, Matt Williams

The Planning Director introduced the Members of the Planning Board and City Council to the public.

It was pointed out that during the summer, the Strafford County Rural Area Development and Garden Club saw fit to send a resolution to the City Council asking that they establish a conservation commission in Dover. The City Council referred it to the Planning Board, who then arranged for this public meeting.

Vice-Chairman Sheldon asked that anyone who wished to speak in favor of a proposed conservation commission in Dover do so.

Mr. Charles Murray, Chairman of the Strafford County Rural Area Development Committee spoke in favor of the proposed conservation commission. He explained the intent and organization of a conservation commission, pointing out that water is the greatest problem over the last ten to fifteen years. He continued that there are ten or more commissions in the State, one of which is in Durham. He continued with the opinion that Dover could benefit from such a commission.

Mayor Tuttle asked Mr. Murray if in his experience with Rural Area Development and in his work with the conservation commission, he felt there would be problems of conflict or overlapping jurisdiction in Dover. Mr. Murray replied that he foresaw no problems.

Mrs. A. B. Collind of 80 Academy Street, South Berwick, Maine, asked what connection a conservation commission would have with the Water Resources Commission. Mayor Tuttle answered that they would be entirely different commissions.

Mr. A. H. Cutter of Rochester, New Hampshire, spoke in favor of a conservation commission.

Mr. Allen Huggins, Route 2, Dover, New Hampshire spoke in favor of such a commission and explained that the commission is basically for the beautification and maintenance of green areas in the community.

Mayor Tuttle asked those present if they saw a need for the establishment of a commission in Dover. Three were in favor and seven made no comment. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.