

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2000
DOVER CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

A. DISCUSSION RE: 2000-2001 COUNCIL RULES AND REGULATIONS (SEE ITEM 11B-1.)

The Mayor explained his reasoning for the current rules. (Days of meetings and times.)

Mayberry wants to go to 11:00 p.m. He feels this will get business done.

Reese says we make bad decisions after 10:00 p.m. He stated he is in favor of 10:00 p.m. and feels the management of a large agenda like the large “smoking” one does not make for a favorable meeting. Reese stated it is an emotional drain.

Secondly, Reese asked could the Citizen’s Forum be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker.

The Mayor stated he would try to limit them and be more assertive with them.

Hindle proposed a similar amendment to Mayberry’s. He stated some councilors debate for 20 or 30 minutes to suspend the rules.

Dunnington stated a late night tends to make them sloppy. He feels there should be a limit. Dunnington stated that after 11:00 p.m. his brain shuts down.

The Councilors seem to agree on 10:30 p.m.

Berry stated he shuts down at 10:30 p.m. He stated the rules of debate are five (5) minutes, please limit them. Berry also wants the City Council to come prepared and to have management of the agenda.

Schmidt stated the reality is that by 10:00 p.m. for sure nobody is watching. He will support 10:30 p.m.

Nossiff stated “if it is not broken, don’t fix it”. He sees no problem with 10:00 p.m. Nossiff would rather start earlier – such as 6:30 p.m. He doesn’t feel anyone on the council would act in bad faith.

The City Manager stated we need one (1) regular meeting and one (1) workshop meeting. He stated for questionable items, we could set a workshop at 6:00 or 6:30 to iron out difficulties because things need to get done. He didn’t want to bring them up tonight because the council are new.

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2000

PAGE 2

Andrews-Parker stated she needs a week's notice to come in at 6:00.

Reese likes the 6:00 idea. He stated councilors should call the City Manager and try to get questions answered beforehand.

Schmidt stated, sometimes we have to have executive sessions. He wants the time to stay at 7:00 to 10:00, then suspend the rules, if needed.

Berry refers to the School Board.

Mayberry asked, would they be interested in starting at 6:30.

No, everyone says this is bad for Andrews-Parker.

The Mayor would like no time limit. He commented, one thing good about 10:00 is they may speed up if they notice the clock.

7:00 P.M.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Berry led the pledge.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Mayor Boc, Councilor Dunnington, Councilor Hindle, Councilor Mayberry, Councilor Nossiff, Councilor Reese, Councilor Schmidt, and Councilor Andrews Parker.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Resolution RE: Acceptance of Wallace Drive as a City Street. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request. (See 10C-1)

The Mayor opened the public hearing on this resolution.

Seeing no speakers, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

The Mayor opened the Citizen's Forum.

Seeing no speakers, the Mayor closed the Citizen's Forum.

6. MINUTES

- A. December 1, 1999 – Special Meeting
- B. December 8, 1999 – Regular Meeting
- C. December 15, 1999 – Special Meeting
- D. January 3, 2000 – Inauguration Special Meeting

Berry moved to accept, seconded by Hindle. Schmidt moved to defer the minutes until the next meeting for his corrections, seconded by Reese. All in favor.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

He recognized the dozens and dozens of people of Dover who have contributed their time, effort, money, and energy to make Dover a better place to live. They do it without any formal recognition, so tonight he announced the formation of the Mayor's Award.

He then asked Don Briand from WOKQ to step to the podium. The Mayor read the proclamation to Don. The Mayor presented Mr. Briand with a key to the City of Dover.

Mr. Briand smilingly says, he was "setup" – big time.

The Mayor also gave certificates of appreciation to:

Rosemary Zurawel – Chairperson of the Ethics Committee from 4/97 to 12/99,
Robert Walsh – Arena Committee from 1/95 to 1/2000,
John Del Isola – Dover Utilities Commission from 12/97 to 12/99.

The Mayor read a proclamation for Mrs. Lorraine Monticello along with Nancy Croteau for their part in the education of the children of Dover.

Lastly, the Mayor reported, on 12/23 he attended the City Hall Christmas party, on 12/28 a ribbon cutting ceremony at American Adaptive Cable Company, on 12/29 he and his wife Carol hosted a special reception for the department heads (a tradition he started 2 years ago).

On 1/7 he attended a function at the gym of the Portsmouth Christian Academy. He stated this is a beautiful facility. (They may change their name to Dover Christian Academy, which he feels would be more appropriate.) On 1/5, the Mayor and his wife Carol hosted another reception for the City Council and the School Board members so they could get to know each other.

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2000

PAGE 4

On 1/12, today, he attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting where they elected the Citizen of the Year who is Bob Richard of D.F. Richard.

Some appointments to committees and council representatives were decided.

Reese – Chair of the Appointments Committee, with Berry and Mayberry.

Andrews-Parker – Chair of the Parking Traffic, with Hindle and the Mayor.

Mayor Boc – School Board.

Reese – Council representative to Planning.

Schmidt – Council representative to COAST.

Berry moved to accept the Mayor's Report, seconded by Mayberry. All in favor.

8. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Planning Board – Councilor Jerry Reese

Reese stated they met last night (1/11) and went on a site walk. He stated they also elected officers: Ron Cole – Chair and Reuben Hull - Vice Chair.

Considered and accepted (C/A) a lot line adjustment of land for Groux/Bow Street Realty Trust located off Dover Point Road.

C/A an application for minor lot line adjustment of land for John & Jill Murphy, located on County Farm Cross Road.

TABLED an application for a Preliminary Alternative Design Subdivision (ADS) of land for Ezra Green's Farm LLC, located on Littleworth Road. (46 lots)

C/A an application for a major subdivision of land for Barkland LLC, located on Tolend Road/Watson Road. (9 lots)

C/A an application for a major subdivision of land for William P. Tuttle III located on Middle Road. (5 lots)

Under Old Business – Approved a site plan for Megan Martineau, located on Littleworth Road.

TABLED due to issues - Discussion of Dover Commons site plan, located on Indian Brook Drive and High Street.

Reese clarified Littleworth Road has a site walk on 1/22 at 9:00 a.m. and the public is invited.

B. Public Works Building Committee – Councilor Peter Schmidt

Schmidt stated the building committee is in the process of exploring alternative sites, as Mast Road is unacceptable. He stated they are looking into several properties. They are also meeting with Horne Construction and they are also looking at property being considered. Schmidt stated the City is progressing with alternative plans.

C. Joint Building Committee – Dover Middle School

Berry stated the Dover Middle School was dedicated on 12/11. On 12/29 they met to discuss the closeout and to turn it over to the City. He stated this committee would be meeting about two (2) more months.

The citizens of wards 1, 2, and 3 are touring the new Dover Middle School now and tomorrow wards 4, 5, and 6 were welcome to tour.

Reese moved to adopt, seconded by Schmidt. All in favor.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager stated on the revenue side \$4.1 million Expenditures \$7.4 million. Economic development – 39 building permits for \$2.3 million, and collected fees of \$12,405, 8 single-family homes.

The City Manager sent a memo regarding the old Dover Junior High. Oyster River will use the shop facilities at a rental rate of \$3,000 per month. He stated the gym is fully booked until the end of the school year by the Parks and Recreation department.

The City Manager stated we are looking for allocation of how the old Dover Junior High School will be laid out.

The Mayor asked about the status of the district court taking over the building.

The City Manager says, the building has to be made safe for earthquakes. The court won't occupy it for at least a year from today.

Mayberry has spoken with clients of his and they were impressed with department heads.

Berry moved to accept, seconded by Reese. All in favor.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. ORDINANCES IN 2ND READING**
- B. ORDINANCES IN 3RD READING**
- C. RESOLUTIONS**

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2000

PAGE 6

1. Resolution RE: Acceptance of Wallace Drive as a City Street. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to adopt, seconded by Mayberry.

The City Manager points out the items that have been corrected.

Motion passed on a vote of 9-0.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Resolution RE: Setting Voting Hours for the Presidential Primary Election of February 1, 2000. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc by Request.
2. Raffle Permit – Dover High School Hockey Boosters
3. Wetlands Permit Application – Barklan, LLC

Berry moved to adopt, grant, and file, seconded by Reese.

The Mayor explained the circumstances for removing an item for the consent calendar.

Reese points out the city can not vote on wetland applications. We only file these; the State makes these decisions on them.

The Mayor says this is a point well taken.

The City Manager stated wetlands should and will go on Council Correspondence from now on.

All in favor. Motion passed on a vote of 9-0.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Rules and Regulations of the Dover City Council 2000-2001. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc.

Berry moved to adopt, seconded by Reese.

Mayberry moved to amend item 2.B. to 10:30 p.m., seconded by Hindle.

Mayberry feels it will allow them to conclude more items on the agenda and to do the work they need to do.

Motion passed on a vote of 6-3. Schmidt, Reese, Nossiff opposed.

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2000

PAGE 7

Schmidt moved to amend item 4. Minutes, to change from "next" meeting, to "earliest practicable following meeting", seconded by Reese. All in favor of item 4. change.

Reese moved to amend item 4. to 10 business days, seconded by Mayberry and Berry. All in favor.

The Mayor moved to amend item 8.E. the City Manager's Report to include progress of the CIP.

All in favor of all the new rules.

2. Resolution RE: NH Coastal Program Grant. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to refer to a Public Hearing on 2/9/2000, seconded by Mayberry. All in favor.

3. Resolution RE: Acceptance of Grandview Drive as a City Street. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to refer to a Public Hearing on 2/9/2000, seconded by Mayberry. All in favor.

4. Resolution RE: Change of Dover Public Library Hours and Transfer of Funding for Same. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to adopt, seconded by Mayberry.

Reese asked how it was going and were people patronizing on Sunday. The City Manager stated, it is one of the busy days.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 9-0.

5. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B00025 for a Global Positioning System. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

WITHDRAWN

6. Resolution RE: Acceptance of Seaborne Drive as a City Street. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to refer to a Public Hearing on 2/9/2000, seconded by Hindle. All in favor.

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2000

PAGE 8

7. Resolution RE: Transfer of Appropriation for Bellamy Park Building.
Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to adopt, seconded by Hindle.

Berry is in favor. This is a project that needs to be completed.

Schmidt is in favor of this project.

Dunnington asked, is the building used for other functions or only Camp Sun N' Fun?

Gary Bannon wants to do more of a year round program in the future years, currently, it is only used for Camp Sun N' Fun.

Mayberry asked, how many people use it?

Gary Bannon says 50 children per week. He would like to expand the program. They have a waiting list.

Mayberry - what kinds of programs?

Bannon says it is run as a day camp and a very active one. It is used rain or shine.

Mayberry commented, we are appropriating these funds of \$90,000, but do we have personnel to back it up and maintain it?

Bannon says, yes.

The Mayor says we need to keep and maintain what we have. Buildings fall down if not maintained. He congratulated Bannon on building the Snow Park HA HA! (No snow to date this year.)

The Mayor asked wouldn't an ice skating park and cross-country skiing trail be good ideas?

Bannon stated, he is looking at year round programs with the river as the backdrop.

Berry asked how many acres are there?

Bannon says, approximately 2 acres.

Berry stated with regards to the schools, this is a beautiful area and it should be used for science projects.

Schmidt states, along those lines with regards to the Dover Middle School, if we waste all this time and space and don't use the building, someone else will and probably not so wisely. He encourages support for this resolution and to use it year round.

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2000

PAGE 9

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 9-0.

C. ORDINANCES IN THEIR 1ST READING

1. Ordinance #01-01/12/2000, Chapter 86, Dances and Dance Halls. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to refer to a Public Hearing on 2/9/2000, seconded by Mayberry.

2. Ordinance #02-01/12/2000, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 166-56, Schedule I: No Parking at Any Time, Lisa Beth Drive. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Berry moved to refer to a Public Hearing on 2/9/2000, seconded by Schmidt.

D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Elaine Case regarding Camp Sun N' Fun.

Berry moved to accept and file her letter, seconded by Reese. All in favor.

12. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Reese thanked the City Clerk for the 3-ring binders and 3-hole punched paper for their agendas.

Reese is encouraging people to put numbers on their houses so they can be seen from the street. He stated, ask yourself if the Police and Fire can see my house number in an emergency.

Schmidt has noticed people seem to pull into and block intersections at busy times and the people going the other way can't go after the light changes as they have to yield to those that are already pulled into the intersection. Traffic situations are not getting better here.

Andrews-Parker encouraged people to get out and vote. We, New Hampshire, are the first in the nation – 'the primary state'.

Berry stated please exercise your right to vote. If you can't be there vote absentee.

Berry stated, now the new Middle School is open there is more traffic on Spruce Lane, Mast Road and the Portsmouth Christian Academy. There is increased foot traffic and vehicle traffic and feels sidewalks are becoming more of an issue. Even though people like the atmosphere of parks, this seems to be a two-edge sword. He stated, we need to see how this would or could fall into the Master Plan.

The Mayor thanked all of them for the civil, productive, short meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hindle moved to adjourn, seconded by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

JUDY GAQUETTE
CITY CLERK