

PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 9, 1993

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Steele, Jim Richards, Dan Markey,
Brian Preston, Bob Corsetti, Patti Torr,
Lionel Martel, Ron Cole, Paul Beecher
(late)

STAFF PRESENT: Bill Collins, Steve Stancel, Jacqueline
Freeman - Recording Secretary

Chairman Corsetti brought the meeting to order at 7:02.

ITEM #1: Approval of minutes.

Ron Cole made the motion to accept the minutes as presented.
Patti Torr seconded.

VOTE U/A

ITEM #2: Consideration of acceptance of a site review of land
for a community center for Dover Housing Authority,
Assessor's Map 33, Lot 2, Zoned RM-8, located on
Hampshire Circle.

Mike Lassel, architect for the project, stated that the
community center will replace the farmhouse which will be
torn down. The center will be built at the base of Hampshire
Circle and will share a parking lot with the Field of Dreams.

Dan Markey made the motion to accept the application.
Ron Cole seconded.

VOTE U/A

The public hearing was opened.
There were no comments.
The public hearing was closed.

Patti Torr made the motion to approve with the condition that
the architect's or professional engineer's stamp be added to
the plan.

Brian Preston seconded.

VOTE U/A

ITEM #3: Public hearing to solicit comments on and requests
for the expenditure of FY 1994 Community
Development funds.

Bob Corsetti stated there will be a workshop on Tuesday,
March 16, 1993, at 7:00 PM. He asked the applicants to limit
their talks to about five minutes.

The public hearing was opened.

A SAFE PLACE

Linda Griebisch represented the application. She stated they were the first shelter for battered women in the State of NH. She said the beneficiaries of their agency are victims of domestic violence, mainly women and children. Ms. Griebisch said that they are meeting a need in Dover. She said that of the 12 member board, two are Dover residents. They are asking for level funding.

STRAFFORD HOSPICE

Bill Knowles, 12 Wellington Ave., represented the agency. He read the stages of the dying process and spoke on the role and responsibilities of the volunteers. He listed their fund raising events. He stated that they applied for funds last year and got nothing from Dover.

DOVER GROUP HOME

Linda French, 86 Old Madbury Lane, represented the agency. She stated that they are located over the Senior Center at 35 Third Street. She stated that the building is inadequate. There is a bar on the corner and a night club across the street. She stated they are looking at a building on Silver Street which is set up in such a way where a home atmosphere for the residents and separate administrative space could be provided. She said that they are looking into the zoning of the area. They have met with abutters to the property and have received no negative comments.

STRAFFORD GUIDANCE CENTER

Lisa Morris represented the Strafford Guidance Center. She stated that their main focus is on housing. She emphasized the importance of getting clients into housing so they can be quickly focussed into getting jobs.

VICTIMS INC.

Patricia Rainboth gave the history of Victim's Inc. She stated that she is the only paid staff person. There are 158 volunteers of which more than 20 are Dover residents.

Paul Beecher arrived at 8:00 PM.

Ms. Rainboth stated that Chief Fenniman is a board member. She stated that they are working on a program where they will be able to respond to people within minutes.

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Richard Hayes, County Farm Road, represented the agency. He stated that they do a complete audit of every house before

and after their services. He stated they can only spend \$1,700 per home. They are asking for \$20,000 for 20 homes for one year which would allow them to spend \$2,700 on each home. He stated that the paybacks are in 2 to 2 1/2 years. He stated that they are funded by the Dept. of Energy.

AIDS RESPONSE TO THE SEACOAST

Ed Shannon represented this agency. He stated that they are serving a number of clients in Dover. He stated that AIDS is a terminal illness so the numbers are always turning over. He summarized what the agency does and stated that they have a large number of volunteers. He said there is one board member who is a Dover resident.

DOVER ADULT LEARNING CENTER

Debby Tasker, stated that she didn't want their request to be considered at this time. She stated that they are the second busiest adult learning center in New Hampshire. She stated that the City allocated \$33,000 to improve the building and to provide handicapped accessibility. She said they have spent \$6,100 on improvements but are reluctant to make the building handicapped accessible because it is just not adequate. She stated they were invited to look at the Clarostat building but the parking issue is the problem. They need at least 40 parking spaces. She stated that she knows they need to expend the funds by the end of the year but they are holding off for a few months in the hope that something more suitable is found.

Steve Stancel stated that he is recommending that \$30,000 be allocated to extend an existing sewer line on Middle Road to a mobile home park owned and occupied by predominantly low income residents.

Linda Snodgrass, 417 Middle Road, a resident of the trailer park, stated that forty years ago the park started as a campground and evolved into a mobile home park. She said she has lived there for 16 years. Over the years there have been many different investors and the park got very run down. She said that the residents formed a corporation and purchased the lots with the objective to improve the living conditions. She stated they received two grants which they used to upgrade the water lines. She said that they are now concerned with the stability of the septic systems.

Bill Collins stated that the CDBG Entitlement Grant is \$349,000. He stated that there are caps on each category and listed them.

