

CITY OF DOVER

COCHECHO WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Council Conference Room, 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH**
Meeting Date: **Monday, April 26, 2010**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Present: Jack Mettee, Chair; Dana Lynch, Frank Torr; Thom Hindle; Kim Schuman; Art Corte; James Schulte; Tom Dunnington

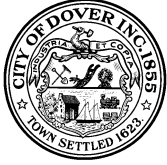
Ex-Officio Members:

Staff: Chris Parker, City of Dover Director of Planning and Community Development

Others: Chris Wyskiel; Karen Weston; Leslie Modica; May Glovinski

- 1. Call to Order.** Chairman Mettee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2009, were presented. Frank Torr moved, seconded by Thom Hindle to accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor.
- 3. Citizens' Forum.** No members of the public spoke at the Citizens' Forum.
- 4. Changes to the Agenda.** Frank Torr requested that discussion of Dickinson Development be added to the meeting agenda.
- 5. Correspondence.** Chairman Mettee read a letter from Dean Trefethen stating his position on the relocation of the pedestrian bridge.
- 6. Old Business.**

A. Presentation from Pedestrian Bridge Sub-committee. Dana Lynch, Chair of the Pedestrian Bridge Sub-committee, reported the results of the study on the bridge relocation. The 4 locations originally suggested were narrowed to 2--Young Street location and Cochecho Cove location. Mr. Lynch explained the scoring process for each of the locations and the estimated costs associated with relocating the bridge to those sites--ranging from \$165,000 (not including permits, security costs, etc.) to over \$350,000. Mr. Lynch stated the original cost of the bridge was \$150,000 almost 15 years ago and questioned whether the community wanted to pay for its relocation through fundraising or tax increases. Chairman Mettee thanked the subcommittee members--Dana Lynch, Kim Schuman, Art Corte and Steve Brewer--for all their work on this issue.



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B. Discussion of Recommendations from Pedestrian Bridge Sub-committee. A question was raised regarding the urgency of moving the bridge and why it couldn't remain in place until a satisfactory site was located. Chris Parker informed the members that although it is not necessarily unsafe, the bridge was "dragged" to that location temporarily to clear the way for the vehicular bridge construction and is only partially on abutments in its current location. Before excusing himself from the meeting Chris Parker informed the group that Steve Bird had been laid off and as a result CWDAC would no longer have City representation at its meetings; however, Mr. Parker did offer to answer questions or refer matters to appropriate City officials.

Discussion continued with most members in agreement that neither the Young Street nor Cochecho Cove site is an ideal location and that they do not want to be locked in to either site in the event another option becomes available or another community is interested in the bridge.

Chairman Mettee called for a motion from the Committee.

Attorney Schulte moved, seconded by Dana Lynch, that since no viable or acceptable alternative for the relocation of the Pedestrian Bridge has emerged, the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee recommends the bridge be relocated to a temporary site on City property until such time as other options may present themselves or may be investigated.

Mr. Corte stated there was an acceptable alternative, that being the Young Street location, which he felt was ideal, but too costly. Others felt that with the "luxury of time" other options may arise. Ms. Schuman questioned whether the group would choose either of the locations "if money were no object"; and Dana Lynch stated that simply picking up the bridge and setting it down again in a temporary spot would save approximately \$160,000. Tom Dunnington asked what the life expectancy was of such a bridge and Dana Lynch responded that with proper maintenance it could last about 50 years.

On a roll call vote:

Aye

Nay

Jack Mettee

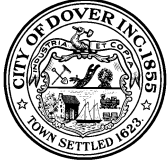
None

Dana Lynch

Frank Torr

Thom Hindle

Kim Schuman



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7. New Business. Frank Torr asked if Dickinson Development had submitted any progress reports recently. Mr. Torr acknowledged that work on the waterfront development had slowed over the winter and as a result of the economic climate, but he requested that Dickinson Development provide more periodic reports to the Dover Housing Authority. Attorney Chris Wyskiel stated that his last discussion with Mr. Dickinson was in January.

Chairman Mettee recommended that the Dover Housing Authority maintain some degree of regular contact with Dickinson Development and report back periodically to CWDAC.

Under other discussion, Dana Lynch asked the status of the odor problem from the City's treatment plant in the waterfront area. Chairman Mettee agreed to communicate with the City Manager or Doug Steele to determine the status on that issue.

Dana Lynch also questioned if CWDAC should take on the role of getting the traffic pattern changed in the waterfront development area once the Washington Street vehicular bridge was complete.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mettee at 6:30 p.m.