



CITY OF DOVER

## DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - AGENDA

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH  
Meeting Date: **Monday, May 17, 2010**  
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Vice-Chair Jay Stephens, Otis Perry, Mark Moeller, Martin Coyle

**Members Absent:** Mike Earley, Ed Spuler, Ted Mortner

**Staff Present:** Doug Steele, Director of Community Services, Bill Boulanger, Superintendent of Public Works and Utilities, Allan Krans, City Attorney, Jennifer Bretz, Recording Secretary

Stephens sat in for Earley

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:57pm.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Stephens will swap agenda numbers 3 and 4.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2010

**Motion:** Perry made the motion to approve the minutes, Coyle seconded. Vote: U/A

### 4. Approval of the Changes of the Rules & Regulations

**Motion:** Perry made the motion to adopt the Rules as amended and revised, Moeller seconded.

Stephens stated that the Board has been working on modifying the Rules and Regulations for the past year. City Attorney, Allan Krans, has gone through and incorporated all of the Board's comments into a single revised document which include recommendations previously discussed. Based on the resolution, we recommend that City Council approve our efforts.

**Vote:** U/A

### 5. User's Forum

### 6. Abatement Requests-none

### 7. Reports

#### A. Abatement Review Team Report

The report was discussed and clarified by Staff.

#### B. Utilities Report

C. The report was discussed by the Board.

#### D. Finance Report – Not Available

**Motion:** Perry made the motion to approve the reports, Moeller seconded.

**Vote:** U/A

### 8. New Business

#### A. Budget/Rate Discussion

Steele stated that he wanted to make the Board aware that on May 19 he will be making the Community Services budget presentation to City Council. The new Water & Sewer rates have been calculated. There is a 5.82% increase. Water will be going from \$3.74 to \$3.93 and Sewer will be going



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from \$4.74 to \$5.04. It's difficult to compare community to community because you don't always have the same processes. Dover's proposed combined rate is \$8.97, Rochester's proposed rates are \$11.02, Somersworth's is \$9.50 and Portsmouth's is based on how many units the resident uses. If they use 10 units or less, the rate is \$9.65. If you use over 10 units the rate is \$11.05. Out of the neighboring towns, we're comparable.

Perry asked reason for Dover's increase

Steele stated that it's primarily electrical.

Perry asked if Johnson Controls will have a reverse impact next year.

Steele stated that they didn't get involved with water and sewer. The WWTP is having new aeration blowers installed. There should be significant electrical reductions there.

Boulanger stated they're looking at French Cross Road. They are trying to reduce some energy there by filtering water and pumping water at the same time. When they had the backwash, they were backwashing, filtering and pumping at the same time. The demand goes up during backwash. He had to have programmers come in and shut off well production and the pumping to the system until backwashing is done.

Perry stated that the state is going to off-peak monitoring.

Boulanger stated would be nice for SCADA system.

Coyle asked if they could generate hydro from the water coming out of the WWTP going into the Piscataqua River.

Steele stated that it's a project they applied for. It was approved but the payback is not very much.

Boulanger stated what they really have to work on is staffing. They have to get a handle on our motors. They can get rebates from Public Service for upgrading their motors. He continued to discuss River Street Pump Station.

### **B. North End Water Pressure**

Steele stated that he wanted to give an update. They put the design services out for Request For Qualifications. They ended up selecting Underwood Engineers out of Portsmouth. They just negotiated a cost with Underwood that he will be taking before Council. It's \$411,000 for the design which includes the booster pump station, the tower, all the distributions and lines. What made them stand out above all the other firms is that they are going to take a look at Willand Pond well to see if can blend that water into the distribution center system.



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### 9. Old Business

#### A. Meter Committee

Boulanger stated the he is still collecting data from vendors and each vendor will be providing the Board with the term sheet they requested.

### 10. Areas of Concern

### 11. Adjournment

**Motion:** Perry made the motion to adjourn at 7:42pm, Moeller seconded. Vote: U/A