



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER PARKING COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall Second Floor Conference Room
288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH 03820
Meeting Date: **Friday, September 3, 2010**
Meeting Time: 8:30 am

Members Present: Charles Reynolds, Jack Buckley, Otis Perry, Carrie Keech, George Maglaras

Others Present: Bill Simons (Parking Manager), Dan Barufaldi (Economic Development Director), Tony Colarusso (Dover Police), Kirt Schuman (Chamber), Linda Hagan (business owner), Janet Perry (business owner), Chris Parker (Dover Planning), Steve Smith (business owner), and Jeff Harrington (resident)

Members Not Present: Anthony McManus

NOTES

The meeting was opened by Chairman Reynolds.

Bill Simons updated the group on the meter installation plan. Meters are scheduled for installation in November and to be activated January 2nd, 2011. He is working on signage, lighting and final locations.

Linda Hagan addressed the Commission in reference to the Phase II meter installation plan and its effect on business. Her concern was based not on the overall plan but of the timing with the current economy. She asked if the Commission would consider a “meter token” program in which businesses could purchase tokens at a discounted rate to give to their customers. Bill Simons advised that he was working with the manufacturer on the token issue and would report back to the Commission. Linda also expressed concern about the loss of the ticket validation program.

Steve Smith offered general comments that the meter implementation needs to work for everyone. He also thought the use of tokens should be explored.

Otis Perry explained the use of the receipt portion of the current meter ticket that can be used by merchants to reimburse customers.

Kirt Schuman discussed the meter installation and its overall value to progressing with the downtown infrastructure.

Dan Barufaldi discussed that there are several projects being considered for downtown that will require significant parking capacity. There is a strong need to protect the transitional customer parking spaces in front of businesses.

Janet Perry expressed that her concern was not so much with the meters but with the timing of the installation with the current economy. She said the lack of consistent snow removal along the curbs and from sidewalks has always been a problem downtown.

Jeff Harrington expressed concerns on the effect on downtown business.

Linda Hagan added that she hopes that some fun, creative marketing ideas come out to promote the use of the meters.



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Chairman Reynolds confirmed the need to publicize the overall parking plan and metering program.

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2010.