



**CITY OF DOVER**

## DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - AGENDA

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH  
Meeting Date: **Monday, June 21, 2010**  
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

**Members Present:** Chairman Mike Earley, Otis Perry, Ed Spuler, Mark Moeller, Marty Coyle, Alternate Ted Mortner

**Members Absent:** Jay Stephens

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

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Steele requested to add Stormwater Ad-Hoc Committee under New Business.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2010

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

**Vote:** U/A

### 4. User's Forum

#### 5. Abatement Requests

##### A. 111 Katie Lane

Doris Haine, applicant, expressed her displeasure with the gentleman that installed her water softener. She believes that he left the valve on which caused her to have a high bill.

Earley asked if the problem has been fixed.

Boulanger stated that it had.

Perry stated that Staff found it going into the sewer drain.

Boulanger stated that the water softener is piped directly to the washing machine discharge.

Linda Trask, Doris Haine's neighbor, stated that when Boulanger was there, the problem had already been fixed.

Boulanger stated that he sent his staff to her home to verify where the water was going.

Trask stated that her husband had shut off the water when Haine had received the high usage letter.

**Motion:** Perry made the motion to deny the abatement based on the fact that the water went into the system, Coyle seconded.

**Vote:** U/A



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### 6. Reports

#### A. Abatement Review Team Report

The report was discussed and clarified by Staff.

#### B. Utilities Report

The report was discussed and clarified by Staff.

#### C. Finance Report – Not Available

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

**Vote:** U/A

### 7. New Business

#### A. Stormwater Ad-Hoc Committee

Steele stated that the City received a grant from NHDES to look at the possibility of creating Stormwater Utility in the city. They've hired an engineering firm, Stearns & Wheeler, to look at having the Stormwater Utility funded through the General Fund, which is funded through taxes, or should we look at creating a separate utility and coming up with a mechanism to charge residents for a new utility.

Perry asked if they would look at what the cost would be if they adhere to the new EPA standards.

Steele stated they would. They're looking to come up with a seven member ad-hoc committee. There would be 2 residents, a DUC and Planning Board member, a local developer; the Chamber would make a recommendation for a business person in the City and someone from a non-profit. The committee is on the City Council agenda for Wednesday, 6/23. He stated that he did speak with Jay Stephens and is interested if the Board wishes to appoint him.

Boulanger stated that if Council approves the utility, it could come under this board.

**Motion:** Moeller made the motion to appoint Jay Stephens to the Ad-Hoc Committee, Perry seconded.

**Vote:** U/A

### 8. Old Business

#### A. Meter Committee

Boulanger stated that there are meters in the system that is no longer supported. With the technology changes that have happened within the last 7-8 months, there is now the capability of sending meter readings to City Hall electronically without having to drive around to get the readings. He would like to upgrade to the new technology. He's been receiving pricing from different vendors. He's just waiting for one more vendor to give a price sheet.

Moeller asked how big of a contract it would be.

Boulanger stated it would be around \$750,000. Currently, the City is spending \$50,000 per year on meter change outs.



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### **B. Willand Pond**

Steele stated that they are preparing to start the pump test on the well. They're looking at the possibility of reusing a well that was used back in the 60's. They're also hoping that it will bring the level of the pond down.

Boulanger stated that they are going to pump the water to Old Rochester Rd. The gravity system is going to then take it behind Cranbrook/Maplewood Ave into that wetlands and out towards Liberty Mutual. Today, Mick Construction started putting in the main. They've got the poles set for the power. Tomorrow they will be putting the well in. They hope to start pumping water after July 4. They've drilled a lot of monitoring wells around the pond. They are going to do actual monitoring tests as well as testing the water and wells. He doesn't believe that the 90 day test is going to do anything to the pond due to the amount of water there. They're looking at the quality of the water and the total yield.

Steele stated that the DES permit is good for 3 mos. Dean Peschel is confident that if it show's that it is beneficial to lowering the pond that DES will allow the permit to continue.

Boulanger stated that they're going to pump it at 600 gallons per minute.

Coyle asked if it could feed the North End tower.

Boulanger stated that they've had some discussions with the engineer, on the design of the North End, that it may be possible to blend that water with the current water. This test will tell us. They're hoping that it may be a possibility that would mean very minimal or no treatment up there.

Moeller asked why they had to pump so much water per day.

Boulanger stated that in order for us to tell if the well has a good yield, 600 gallons per minute is what they want to start at. If they find that the well is not able to keep up, they'll slow it down.

### **9. Areas of Concern**

Earley reminded the Board that the July meeting is the Annual meeting where the voting of the officers will take place.

### **10. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Perry made the motion to adjourn at 6:56pm, Coyle seconded.

**Vote:** U/A