

Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

February 9, 2011

The Honorable Mayor, Scott Myers
Dover City Council
City Manager
Dover City Hall
288 Central Avenue
Dover, NH 03820

Re: **Storm Water Utility**

Dear Honorable Mayor, Scott Myers, City Council, and City Manager, Mike Joyal,

On behalf of the Dover Chamber of Commerce, we would ask that you delay tonight's vote to establish a Storm Water Utility for the City of Dover. While the Chamber commends the ad hoc committee for the time and effort they have invested in producing its report and recommendations, it is clear there is no immediate need for a conclusive decision tonight that a utility is the appropriate vehicle to pay for an EPA mandate which has not yet been issued.

A delay in the vote would allow the community, the Chamber, individual businesses, and residents to educate themselves on the impact of a utility versus simply including costs in the real estate tax rate, to provide input to councilors, and to prepare budgets for the financial impact of whichever option is ultimately decided upon.

Based on the foregoing, the Dover Chamber of Commerce asks for your support in delaying tonight's vote which would be conclusive as to the establishment of a storm water utility.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bolduc
Chair of the Board of Directors
Dover Chamber of Commerce

Legislative Liaison Updates

February 9, 2011

SB1 – Eliminating the automatic continuation requirement for public employee collective bargaining agreements; known as the “Evergreen Clause”

The repeal of this bill was given top priority by the Senate right out of the gate this year and was passed by a wide margin in the Senate on January 26th. It has been sent to the House and is currently in Committee where it is expected to have strong support. Dover city officials and the Council have supported the repeal of this bill. Incidentally, House bill HB326 will be discussed in the House at the same time as it is identical to SB1.

Repeal of the Pole Tax Exemption

Last year, SB492 was passed to repeal the Pole Tax Exemption for telecommunication companies. There is movement afoot in the Senate to reinstate this exemption. No formal bill has shown up at this point but there is evidence to suggest that this will be coming and is expected to move quickly so as to take effect before the beginning of the next tax year. Stay tuned.

New Hampshire Retirement System Reform

Both the House and the Senate are committed to addressing the concerns over the growing liabilities and rising costs associated with the Retirement System. Bills have been drafted by both bodies to reform the current system. They both have formed special committees to address these bills with the House addressing them individually and the Senate taking a comprehensive approach. The Senate made a formal announcement at the end of January to move forward by combining the various related bills. The proposed changes include: Increasing the retirement age of Group II employees by 5 years, averaging the final 5 years of compensation versus the highest 3 years, eliminating “Spiking”(using unused sick and vacation time and career buyouts to enhance averages), eliminate further special detail compensation from the calculation and curtail “double dipping” by reducing the weekly hours worked that would be eligible for a second pension. Many of these positions were approved by the City Council.

HB396- exempting the land and buildings of Masonic temples or building associations from property taxation

This bill has re-surfaced again and is intended to exempt all Masonic temples from paying local property taxes. Virtually all municipalities have a Masonic temple and some have been eligible for exemption from property taxes as a charitable or non-profit organization but they have had to go through the same process as any charitable or non-profit organization. This bill would be a blanket cover to automatically exempt all of these temples and their property from taxes without the normal process. The concern is the effect on the tax base for the municipalities. This would further reduce the tax revenues of a community through a mandate from the state versus an option by the municipality.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councilor Bill Garrison

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Chris Stewart	86 Waterloo Dover	Chris Stewart
Nolan Stewart	32 Haverhill Dover	Nolan Stewart
Susan Andre	36 Old Rochester Rd	Susan Andre
Dylan Clifford	17 Maple St.	Dylan Clifford
Michelle Kelner	13 Backhouse Rd Dover	Michelle Kelner
Bird Davis	43 Church St	Bird Davis
Dave Boveg	75 Littleworth Road	Dave Boveg
WILLIAM CARROLL	98 Selvia Street	William A. Carroll
Tom Backowies	7 Chestnut St	Tom Backowies
Garry Lynch	26 Essex St	Garry Lynch

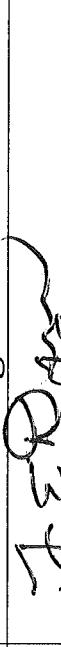




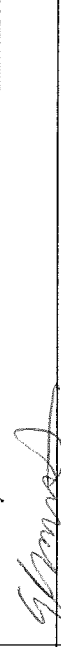




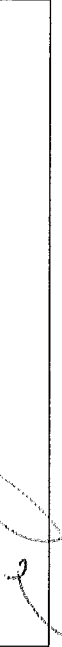
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Name: Chris Buck Address: 28 B Lincoln St,
Dover, NH 03820 Signature: [Signature]


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Jordan E Dyer	48 4th St apt 3 Dover NH	
Kristen Childs	13 Portmore Ln Dover	
Michael Clifford	87 Horne St Dover	
Chris Buck	28 B Lincoln St. Dover	
Samuel Bennett	574 Central Ave Apt B	
Liz Schaf	119 Locust St.	
JAVIA ESPINA	37 Forest St	
Steve Amuro	60 Belknap St Apt B	
TIM Tricibio	48 court st.	
Drew Charsson	17 Belknap St	
Chris Camp	12 Basils place	








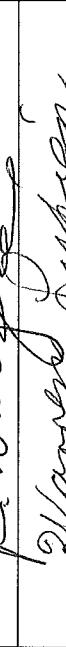
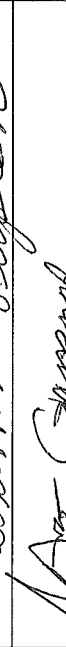


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Joanne Eaton	67 Mt. Vernon St. Dover.	
L. Goodridge	34 Aztec Access Cir	
William C. Colbath	129 Silver St	
Edward Cohen	5 Benckrich Lane	
Ron Hunt	199 Mart Rd Dover, NH	
Mary Margaret Cannon	114 West End Lane	
Scott Kerner	500 Sixth St. Dover	
Kat Wolfson	5 Rainbow Dr Dover	
Warren Dupren	1 Berkshire Ln Dover.	
Alex Guardano	637 Center Ave.	
Sue + Don Medley	3 Corners Pkwy	

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Jennifer Ettinger	28 B Lincoln St	Jennifer Ettinger
MARC AMOREAU	50 CROSBY RD.	Marc Amoreau
Phyllis Woods	1 Barry St. Dover	Phyllis Woods
Catherine Cheney	9 Snows Ct Dover	Catherine Cheney
William O'Leary	30 Isaac Lucas Cr	William O'Leary
Jay Watson	5 Rainbow Dr	Jay Watson
John McIvor	23 Box wood Lane	John McIvor

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Michael Weeden	365 6th Street	<i>Michael W. Weeden</i>
David Scott	220 Back Rd	<i>David Scott</i>
DAVID K. MARTIN	10 LINDA AVE.	<i>David K. Martin</i>
DAVID MEDBERY	3 COURBROG LN	<i>David Medbery</i>
David Montenegro	55 Chasen St	<i>David Montenegro</i>
Tom Lamy	9 Deepwood Dr Dover	<i>Tom Lamy</i>

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