



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Monday, January 30, 2012**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Otis Perry, Vice Chair Jay Stephens, Dennis Munson, Dana Leggett, Mark Moeller, Chris Berg

Alternate Member Present: Ted Mortner

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Doug Steele, Community Services Director; Bill Boulanger, Superintendent of Public Works and Utilities; Dean Peschel, Peschel Consulting; Jennifer Bretz, Recording Secretary.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Next meeting

4. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2011

Motion: Stephens made the motion to approve the minutes, Munson seconded.

Vote: U/A

5. User's Forum

N/A

6. Abatement Requests-None

7. Reports

A. Abatement Review Team Report

The report was reviewed and discussed by Staff.

B. Utilities Report

The report was reviewed and discussed by Staff.

C. Finance Report-N/A

Motion: Stephens made the motion to approve the reports, Munson seconded.

Vote: U/A

8. New Business

A. Wastewater Discharge Permit

Perry stated that a brochure was mailed to all water and sewer customers, within the City, regarding the wastewater discharge permit. This brochure was prepared by Dean Peschel. Perry had asked Peschel to draft a testimony to present to the EPA at the public hearing. He would like to have a letter drawn up from the DUC to be read, at the meeting, as well as verbal testimony. Perry stated that he's currently reading a book titled, "The Omnivore's Dilemma". He went on to explain how the premise of the book related to the discharge permit.

Moeller stated that people are more likely to read a letter if people would be more likely to read a letter if they were alerted to the fact that their sewer rates were likely to go up 50%. This will provide enough information. A detailed letter would be very appropriate. He took the time to look



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at the information on the City's website for different projects that Peschel has done. He couldn't believe how technical and thorough the Willand Pond study was. There's an incredibly detailed analysis with the history of the pond going back 50-60 years. The nitrogen study is complicated and complex. You can almost get lost in it but the high point is that we're not attacking the right problem in the Great Bay. We need to get that message out to residents.

Discussion ensued on what will happen at the public hearing.

Stephens questioned if the board could get in trouble, in relation to 91-A, for receiving the adaptive management plan without public notice.

Perry stated that if we vote that it's subject to confirmation. All you would be making is editorial changes.

Boulanger stated the board could vote to adopt the adaptive management policy.

Perry stated that he would like to see a vote on adopting the position of the coalition on the adaptive management plan and a vote on the idea of sending a letter to the EPA with the Boards view on the discharge permit.

Motion: Stephens made the motion that the DUC endorses the Adaptive Management Plan as presented by the coalition and we would like to encourage the EPA to adopt the same position, Moeller seconded.

Vote: U/A

Motion: Stephens made the motion that the DUC Chairman composes a letter conveying the same sentiments to the EPA, Moeller seconded.

Vote: U/A

9. Old Business

10. Areas of Concern

11. Adjournment

Motion: Munson made the motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm, Leggett seconded.

Vote: U/A