



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: Media Access Center, McConnell Center
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, May 16, 2012**
Meeting Time: **7:30 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

~~2. MOMENT OF SILENCE~~

~~3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE~~

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Trefethen, Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilor Cheney, Councilor Crago, Councilor Garrison, Councilor Hooper, Councilor Spuler, Councilor Weeden, and Councilor Weston.

Also Present: City Manager Joyal, General Legal Counsel Krans, and City Clerk Lavertu.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. RESOLUTION: FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS, FEES AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM – SCHOOL PORTION ONLY SPONSORED BY MAYOR TREFETHEN BY REQUEST

Carolyn Mebert, 254 Dover Point Road: She gave several comparisons and statistics of the Dover School system with other New Hampshire cities.

Rocky D’Andrea, 62 Mast Road, School Board Chairperson: He spoke about the budget process and the struggles, attacks and almost unethical actions. He spoke about the amended budget last meeting before the School had a chance to speak with the Dover Teacher’s Union. He said the Dover Teacher’s Union has decided to give some concessions. He spoke in favor of the School Department’s budget and urged the Council to do the right thing.

Timothy Granfield, 4 Dean Drive: He spoke in favor of the School Department’s budget, and supported a tax cap override.

John Kimball, 24 Isaac Lucas Circle: He spoke in favor of the tax cap and said he expected it to be upheld.

David Scott, 220 Back Road: He thanked Councilor Cheney, Councilor Weeden, and Councilor Crago on bringing forward a resolution to require the City Manager to bring forth a tax cap budget. He said he was disappointed in the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Councilors from Wards 1 and 2. He spoke about disciplines in the budget, and the need to live within the tax cap.

Bethany Holmes-Geller, 18 Westwood Circle: She spoke in favor of the tax cap.

Kathryn Forbes, 215 Long Hill Road: She spoke in favor of the School Department’s budget and said she would support a tax cap override if needed.



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Walter Faasen, 85 Boxwood Lane: He spoke in favor of the School Department's budget as presented.

Joseph Tenuta, 262 Long Hill Road, Dover Middle School Teacher: He spoke in favor of the keeping the School Department as it is, and didn't care if the Council overrode the tax cap.

Matthew Johnson, 26 Sunset Drive: He spoke in favor of the School Department's budget. He read his Kindergarten son's comments to the Council.

Sherri Wormstead, 5 Oxbow Lane: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget as presented, and the means to support it.

Indiana Wormstead, 5 Oxbow Lane: She said "education matters."

Robert McCrory, 41 Fieldstone Drive: He spoke in favor of the School Department's budget.

Patricia Sorensen, 3 Westwood Circle: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget.

Kristie Bonyman, 18 Phillip Street: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget.

David Bovee, 75 Littleworth Road: He spoke in favor of the School Department's budget.

William DeGrandpre, 21 Danielle Lane: He spoke in favor of the tax cap.

Lisa Murphy, 56 Sandpiper Drive: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget as presented.

Betsey Hopkins Breen, 7 Gerry's Lane: She spoke in support of a strong community and school system.

Elizabeth Hillsgrove, 48 Tolend Road: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Thomas Lamy, 9 Deepwood Drive: He thanked Council and City employee for their work. He spoke about previous speakers and how he took offense. He is willing to volunteer to help, but he isn't interested in paying more taxes.

Larissa Ragazzo, 16 Hill Street: She has been unemployed the past 11 months. She supported the School Department's budget.

Melissa Glidden, 26 Fisher Street, Woodman Park Elementary Paraprofessional: She supports the School Department's budget as proposed and a tax cap override if needed.



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Carol Ann Williams, 60 Tolend Road: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget.

Kenneth Appel, 16 Isaac Lucas Circle, School Board Member: He spoke in favor of the School Department's budget.

Kristen Murphy, 17 Rutland Street: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget as proposed.

Aimee Normandeau, 94 Dover Neck Road: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget as proposed.

Shelley Girdner, 17 Grove Street: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget.

Carol Appel, 16 Isaac Lucas Circle: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget as proposed and to override the tax cap if needed.

Karen Berg, 15 Middlebrook Road: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget as proposed, even if it means overriding the tax cap.

Delise West, 38 Silver Street: She spoke in favor of the School Department's as proposed, because she felt it sent a strong message of pro-business.

David Greene, 45 Middle Road: He spoke in favor of the School Department's as proposed, and supports a tax cap override.

Lisa Spurling, 10 Isaac Lucas Circle: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget as proposed, but is not in support of overriding the tax cap. She asked the Council to respect the people in Dover who voted for three priorities; police, fire, and education.

Jamie Bastille, 15 Country Club Estates: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget as proposed and a tax cap override if needed.

Virginia Karwowski, 9 Riverside Drive: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget as proposed and a tax cap override if needed.

David Montenegro, 55 Union Street: He said he believed you cannot solve a problem by throwing money at it. He urged the Council not to override the tax cap.

Domenick Cama, 119 Cottonwood Drive, DMS PTA President: He spoke in favor of the School Department's budget.

Matthew Palczynski, 371 Middle Road, DHS Student: He spoke in support of the Dover Schools.



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Elizabeth Palczynski, 371 Middle Road, DMS Student: She spoke in support of the Dover Schools.

Sharon Boucher, 30 New Rochester Road, Woodman Park Elementary Teacher: She spoke in support of the Dover Schools, and asked the Council to support the schools.

Melanie LaFleur, 1 Oak Hill Drive: She spoke about the great teachers at Horne Street School. She supported the School Department's budget and a tax cap override if necessary.

Dana Gray, 226 Tolend Road: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget. She asked the Council not to nickel and dime the children's education.

Anne Michiels, 68 Bellamy Road: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget. She didn't know if overriding the tax cap is the way to go, but their children's education is important.

Fergus Cullen, 152 Boxwood Lane: He said he has children in the schools, but felt they were taxed enough. He said the Council has to honor the tax cap. He said people are moving out of Dover not necessarily because of the schools, but because of high taxes.

John Weeden, 365 Sixth Street: He spoke in support of the tax cap. He said it has more to do with the students' willingness to learn than the teachers. He said Dover has good teachers. He said they have to learn within their means.

Louise Tower, 29 Boxwood Lane: She spoke about increased costs without revenue to pay for them. She talked about putting the children last. She said it isn't the wrong choice to spend more on our children.

Kristine Geuther, 30 Lisa Beth Circle, Horne Street Elementary Teacher: She spoke in support of the Dover Schools. She urged the Council to accept the School Department's budget as presented.

Beverly Shadley, 155 Locust Street: She spoke in favor of the School Department's proposed budget, and if it means overriding the tax cap.

Anne Ross, 104 Boxwood Lane: She supports the City Manager's budget as presented. She has 200 signatures for support of the budget and an override.

Cynthia Johnson, 26 Gladiola Way: She supports the School Department's budget. She said the cuts were not fair or equal. She doesn't want a tax cap override, but she will accept it because her children come first.

Natalia Dworjanyn, 30 Mount Vernon Street: She said she didn't support the School Department's budget because she felt it should be greater.



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Mary McLaughlin, 19 Pleasant Valley Road: She said she made it through Dover High School because she had the support of great teachers who believed in her. She said she supported the budget and a tax cap override if that is what it takes.

Roger Duploux, 191 Back Road: He said it's not money that creates quality education. He said the City can't keep spending, spending, spending. He said maybe the department heads need to be replaced in order to get budgets that meet the tax cap.

Michael Romps, 36 Spruce Lane, Garrison Elementary Teacher: He spoke in support of the School Department's budget. He stressed that the School isn't asking for more and more. He urged the Council to do the right thing.

Mary Hebbard, 97 Spruce Lane: She referred to the 200 signatures that were received, and asked if money was collected also. She said they should be donating money, because there are so many people that can't afford it. She said there isn't a single person that doesn't want good schools. She said the School Department has a management problem. She spoke in favor of the tax cap, and asked the Council to hold the line on the tax cap.

Deputy Mayor Carrier made a motion to suspend the rules to continue the meeting past 10:30 pm; seconded by Councilor Weston.
Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Richard Hebbard, 97 Spruce Lane: He spoke in favor of the tax cap and not overriding the budget. He said it was negligent to not get rid of dead weight in the Schools. He spoke about Socialism and Communism.

Gregory Brown, 6 Arbor Drive: He said he respected all the people who came to the podium. He referred to Mr. Hibbard's comments and said he must be a Communist, because he just didn't get how disrespectful he was to call some teachers dead weight. He said the tax cap has done its job in forcing people to look at things and create ideas to reduce the budget. He dug into his pockets and left a donation for the schools on the podium.

Jan Nedelka, 169 Dover Point Road: He asked the Council not to raid the Fund Balance if they make the choice not to override the tax cap. He spoke about the law giving the Council the capacity to make a wise decision and do what's good for the community. He asked the Council to support all the children of Dover.

David Latchaw, 1 Crescent Avenue: He said he doesn't want to pay another penny in taxes. However, when faced with the notion to put that burden on children, it was not an option. He spoke in favor of the School Department's budget.

Suzanne Weete, 182 County Farm Road: She spoke in favor of the School Department's proposed budget and overriding the tax cap if it makes sense.



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Jill Brooks, 60 Cushing Street: She spoke in favor of the School Department's budget and overriding the tax cap if necessary. She spoke about party politics being involved in local politics, and felt party affiliations should be put on the City's ballot if that is the case.

Amanda Russell, 20 Cranbrook Lane, School Board Vice Chairperson: She spoke in support of the School Department's budget.

Alan Grieve, 15 Nantucket Court: He spoke in favor of the tax cap.

Superintendent Jean Briggs Badger: She thanked everyone for coming to speak tonight. She spoke in support of the School Department's budget. She referred to the Constitution comments and read a statement from the New Hampshire Supreme Court Constitution to the Council.

Mayor Trefethen, seeing no one else wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Weston.

Vote: 9/0.