



**CITY OF DOVER**

## DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH  
Meeting Date: **Monday, March 18, 2012**  
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

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

**Alternate Member Present:** Ted Mortner

**Members Absent:** Dana Leggett

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

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

### 2. Next meeting

April 15, 2013

### 3. Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2013

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

**Vote:** U/a

### 4. User's Forum – N/A

### 5. Abatement Requests

#### A. 7 Broadway

Applicant, Tam Doan, stated that Staff checked and said that all fixtures/connections looked good. The bill was high because her pipe broke. Her last two quarterly bills were very high. Her September bill was \$1261.00. The December bill was \$1,019. Their bill is usually anywhere from \$250-\$500.

Boulanger stated that the reason for the abatement is that the applicant had a pipe burst in the building. The case sounded familiar due to the fact that in 2010, the applicant had filed an abatement for the same issue. It seemed like the same thing was happening all over again. The pipe was faulty in 2010 and it continues to be faulty today. The Abatement Review Team did not grant the abatement because the pipe wasn't fixed. Staff's concern was that we would keep seeing it until the pipe was repaired. The applicant is abating one quarter. If they want to abate the second quarter they will have to reapply for that amount.

Stephens stated that he disagrees. He stated that between 2010 and now, the pipe had been repaired. It's not a question of them not repairing it, they would have to replace the entire line to do what Boulanger is suggesting. There's nothing that says anyone has to do that. They repair what's broken and fix that. If it breaks again in a different spot then they fix that. I believe that it's unfair to say it's a continuing problem. It's not. It's a different problem but it just continues to be the same pipe each time.

Stephens asked the applicant where the water, from the leak, was going.

Applicant stated that the leak was going into the basement and the sump pump was pumping it out into the yard.

**Motion:** Stephens made the motion to abate 84 sewer units, Moeller seconded.



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**Vote:** U/a

### **B. Brick Road**

Perry recused himself from the abatement due to a business deal with Mr. O'Neill. Stephens will sit in as Chair.

**Motion:** Moeller made the motion to remove the abatement from the table, Munson seconded.

**Vote:** U/a

Discussion ensued upon the waiver request for Brick Road.

**Motion:** Moeller made motion to deny the waiver, Berg seconded.

**Vote:** 3-1 Munson opposed. Motion denied.

Perry returns to the position of Chair.

## **6. 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**

The report was reviewed and discussed by Staff.

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

**Vote:** U/a

## **7. New Business**

## **8. Old Business**

### **A. Abatement Request for Re-hearing 4 Maple Street**

Boulanger stated that the board made a decision on an abatement for 4 Maple Street. It was on the agenda for 6-8 months. The board denied the abatement without the applicant present. He was not able to make it to the meetings due to his job. He's an airline pilot and would be out of town when a meeting was scheduled. He's requesting to be placed back on the agenda so that the board can hear his case.

Munson stated that he would like to give the applicant another chance. If he's not able to make it to the meeting, at that time, the board can deny.

**Motion:** Munson made motion to place the applicant on the April agenda, Stephens seconded.

**Vote:** U/a

### **B. Rules and Regulations Changes**

Boulanger stated that each member was given a copy of the DUC Rules and Regulations. He is proposing to have some of the language changed and would like the board give input on any changes they would like to see. Any comments you may have can be e-mailed to Boulanger and he will put them together.



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### 9. Areas of Concern

### 10. Adjournment

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**Vote:** U/a