



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Monday, September 23, 2012**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

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

Members Absent:

Alternate Member Absent:

Staff Present: Bill Boulanger, Superintendent of Public Works & Utilities, Dean Peschel, Environmental Consultant, Jennifer Bretz, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Next meeting

October 21, 2013

3. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2013

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

Vote: U/a

4. User's Forum – N/A

5. Abatement Requests

A. 43 ½ Forest Street

The applicant is James Elios. He was not able to be present. Julia Fortier, his mother, will explain the case in place of him.

Boulanger stated that the applicant was severely behind on his water/sewer bill payments. Boulanger met with Mr. Elios, his mother and his aunt. Mr. Elios made arrangements with the Finance Director to get caught up on his bill. They are requesting help on interest with past bills.

Moeller asked if the board had the jurisdiction to abate interest.

Boulanger stated that they did. The recommendation for them to appear before the board came from the Finance Director.

Moeller stated that in the past, 18% wasn't a bad rate but based on current rates, it is.

Motion: Berg made the motion to abate \$542.13, Gagnon seconded.

Vote: 5-1; Perry opposed.

Moeller stated that he wanted to point out that abatements are on a case by case basis.

B. 50 Polly Ann MHP

Applicant, Charles Barrett, stated he had been in Florida for 4 months. When he returned, he received the first bill for \$686.00. He had contacted Water & Sewer Billing and spoke with Terry. She explained that he should contact a plumber. That night, he received a call from Jamie at Water & Sewer Billing regarding a high usage bill. The next bill was for \$410.44. He stated that he does not work and is 100% disabled through the VA. A large unexpected bill is a crushing blow for



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him. When the plumber inspected his residence, he found a crack in the flapper ball. After the plumber replaced it, the next bill was back down to \$24.00.

Boulanger stated that when the ART reviewed the request, it was determined that the water did go through the system and denied the abatement.

Stephens stated that unfortunately, when the water does go through the system, someone has to pay for the water. He doesn't see how the board can abate since the water did go through the system.

Motion: Moeller made the motion to deny the abatement, Stephens seconded.

Vote: U/a

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

Vote: U/a

7. New Business

A. Griffin Well Update

Dean Peschel stated that about a year ago, he spoke to the Board regarding this issue. The EPA has identified a relatively new contaminant called 1, 4-Dioxane. Three years ago, the State started going around to municipal wells, landfills, places where they expected 1, 4-Dioxane to be found. Due to the history of the Griffin Well with the Madbury Metals, it was a logical choice for it to be found there. The EPA started sampling the well to see what was coming out. It was below three parts per billion. Since identifying that it was there, it's been being sampled monthly for the last 2-3 years.

Discussion ensued on the Griffin Well.

8. Old Business

9. Areas of Concern

10. Adjournment

Motion: Munson made the motion to adjourn at 7:19 pm, Moeller seconded.

Vote: U/a