

CITY OF DOVER

DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Monday, April 28, 2014**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Otis Perry, Vice Chairman Jay Stephens, Dennis Munson

Members Absent: Mark Moeller, Chris Berg, Bret Carmichaels

Alternate Member Present: Matt Lahr

Staff Present: Doug Steele, Community Services Director, Bill Boulanger, Superintendent of Public Works & Utilities, Cheryl Ward, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2014

Perry stated that they would approve the minutes at a later point in the meeting.

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

Discussion: Stephens stated that in the Nute Road discussion, there is an extra word, to, that needs to be taken out.

Vote: U/a

3. Abatement Requests

A. 81 Old Dover Point Road

Motion: Munson made the motion to remove the item from the table, Lahr seconded.

Vote: U/a

Perry stated that according to the minutes, the abatement was tabled at the March meeting so that the applicant's old meter could be found.

Boulanger stated that the board asked that a repeat meter test be conducted on the same meter. We were able to find the same meter. The applicant's spouse was there to witness the test.

Perry stated that the meter tested out at 100%.

Applicant stated that when the meter was being tested, the dial was still moving.

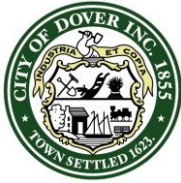
Perry stated that if the meter was faulty, it would have been faulty during both tests.

Applicant stated that she's trying to figure out why her water bill went up. She's never used that much water in the five years that she's lived there. Staff is telling her that it's because of the meter but she doesn't believe that. She doesn't know why, during the first test that they didn't document that the dial was still moving.

Perry stated that he suggests granting the abatement because there seems to be some kind of misunderstanding on whether the meter was good or not. The homeowner has already paid half of the excess bill to the city.

Motion: Munson made the motion to grant the abatement based on an uncertain meter test, Lahr seconded.

Vote: U/a



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B. 53 Fourth Street - Peter Schmidt

Applicant, Peter Schmidt, stated that he had a tenant move out in October 2013. He didn't have an immediate tenant to move in so he had some work done on the apartment. He was in the apartment several times during that time frame. After the work was completed, he had no reason to check on the apartment. There was no tenant so it remained empty. Some months later, he received a call from the W/S Billing department due to high usage. They asked if there was some kind of leak in the building but he just associated it with a different apartment/tenant. A couple of nights later, he could hear the toilet leaking from his apartment. He believes that some sort of relief should be given towards the sewer bill.

Boulanger stated that the meter was tested and it tested out at 99%.

Stephens stated that when the water went into the toilet, it was clean but the minute it hit the pipes, it wasn't clean anymore. Even though the applicant didn't add anything to it, the water still made contact with the soiled pipe leaving the house. It did have to be retreated to clean it.

Motion: Stevens made the motion to deny the abatement, Munson seconded.

Vote: U/a

C. 747 Central Avenue

Steele stated that the abatement was resolved today.

4. Reports

A. Abatement Review Team Report -None

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

5. New Business

A. Water Sewer Budget/Rates

Steele proceeded to go over his budget presentation.

Motion: Stephens made the motion to recommend the rate structure to City Council for FY15, Munson seconded.

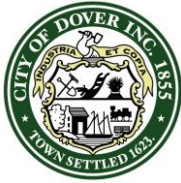
Vote: U/a

6. Old Business

A. Nute Road Sewer Waiver Update/Decision

Steele stated that the city has hired Jason Pohopek. He's a licensed septic designer/inspector. Steele received the completed inspections but has not had a chance to review them.

Perry and Stephens both stated that each resident should receive a copy of their own report.



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Boulanger stated that with the reports, the commission should be able to make a decision at the May meeting.

7. User's Forum

Mark and Donna Sears, 19 Nute Road, were present but did not speak.

8. Areas of Concern

9. Next Meeting Date

May 19, 2014

10. Adjournment

Motion: Munson made the motion to adjourn at 7:17 pm, Lahr seconded.

Vote: U/a