

CITY OF DOVER

JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 305
Meeting Date: **May 20, 2015**
Meeting Time: **7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Present: Mayor Weston, Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilor Cheney, Councilor Gagnon, Councilor Garrison, Councilor Hooper, Councilor McManus, Councilor O'Connor, and Councilor Thibodeaux.

School Board Present: Chairperson Amanda Russell, Vice-Chairperson Betsey Andrews Parker, Secretary Kathleen Morrison, and Doris Grady.

Absent: Sarah Greenshields, Carol Soule McCammon, and Michelle Muffett-Lipinski.

Also Present: City Manager Joyal, Superintendent Arbour, Finance Director Lynch, Business Administrator Taylor

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 20, 2015

Ms. Russell moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Vote: 13/0.

3. DISCUSSIONS

A. HMFH ARCHITECTS PRESENTATION / UPDATE JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE – DOVER HIGH SCHOOL AND REGIONAL CTC

Deputy Mayor Carrier introduced Bobby Williams and Tina Stanislaski from HMFH Architects.

Ms. Stanislaski and Mr. Williams gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee regarding the feasibility study for both renovating the current High School or new construction. They answered questions from the Committee.

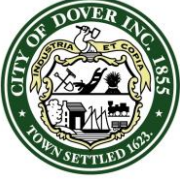
Mayor Weston asked the City Manager how it would affect the timeline on the Capital Improvement Programs (CIP).

City Manager Joyal said they would be finalizing the figures this summer and update the CIP for the fall..

B. EDUCATION ADEQUACY FUNDING UPDATE

City Manager Joyal said he wanted to give the Committee an overview of the adequacy situation. He said New Hampshire State Senator Watters and New Hampshire State Representative Schmidt were working hard to get the City of Dover the adequacy aid it deserves.

Senator Watters spoke to the Committee and first said the State budget did include the funds for the Career Technical Center. He said the House budget cut out \$845,000 for the City of Dover, but said the Senate is working on restoring those funds. He gave an overview of the process to eliminate the cap on the adequacy aid for Dover. He said they won on eliminating the cap, but it will start in 2017.



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Mayor Weston asked Economic Director Dan Barufaldi to speak to the Committee about the effect to Dover if they don't receive the correct amount of adequacy aid.

Director Barufaldi gave an overview on how this would affect the businesses in Dover.

The Committee discussed the legal options for the City to pursue to get the adequacy aid that it deserves.

The Committee discussed the budget impact.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Russell thanked Carolyn Mebert for all her help for the School regarding the adequacy aid issue.

5. ADJOURN

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

Vote: 13/0.