

CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **McConnell Center, Room 306**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, August 26, 2015**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Thibodeaux led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

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

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

5. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Hooper moved to add the School Board Report.

Councilor Cheney moved to add two resolutions for Charter Amendments to be referred to public hearings.

Councilor Gagnon moved to add the Solid Waste Advisory Commission Report.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to add the Police and Parking Facility Building Committee Report.

He numbered the Charter Amendments as follows: Item #13.B.5. City Attorney Charter Amendment, and Item #13.B.6. School Board Charter Amendment.

Councilor McManus moved to waive the rules to allow the resolutions on the Agenda; seconded by Councilor Cheney.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

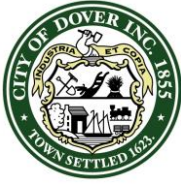
Vote: 9/0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Citizens are invited to speak on any issue pertaining to the business of the City of Dover. Statements shall be limited to five minutes.

Bonnie McGovern, 65 Grandview Drive: She read her letter to the Council, which supported the Dover High School project.

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Peter Bixby, 69 Glenwood Drive: He spoke in favor of the Dover High School project.

Robert Dinaburg , 54 Augusta Way: He spoke about parking during the construction of the new high school, and asked if the children will be allowed to park during school.

Charles Lewis, 10 Whittier Street: He talked about the Council not listening to the people who speak at Citizen's Forum.

Michael Crago, 11 Augusta Way: He asked the Council not to rush the Dover High School resolution and have additional public hearings.

Solomon Bixby, 69 Glenwood Drive, Student: He spoke in favor of the Dover High School project.

David Peck, 4 Trestle Way: He asked the Council to reduce the budget to allow for the added expense of the Dover High School project.

William DeGrandpre, 21 Danielle Lane: He spoke about the Parking Garage and methods for paying for parking, pay by space with a smartphone. He spoke about tax breaks for new developments. He asked for an update on the average household values. He spoke about the Dover High School project and not spending all the money, but look for saving money. He said the teachers and learning materials teach the children, not the building.

David Scott,, 220 Back Road: He spoke about the proposed size of the Dover High School, and asked the Council to take the time to evaluate it. He also said the Council should still consider renovating the current High School instead of building a new high school. He felt the Council should hold more hearings to answer questions about the size of the school, student enrollment,

Michael Benham, 20 Richardson Drive: He spoke against the Dover High School project.

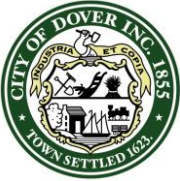
Kathy Morrison, 4 Florence Street, School Board Member: She spoke against the School Board Charter Amendment. She spoke in favor of the Dover High School project.

Margaret Fogarty, 16 Florence Street: She spoke in support of the Dover High School project.

George Sherwood, 43 Arch Street: He spoke about not seeing plans or a model for the new high school.

Suzanne Weete, 182 County Farm Road: She spoke in favor of the Dover High School project.

Claude Malo, 149 Back River Road: He asked where the maintenance was for the High School and why it's so dilapidated. He said if a new high school is built to make sure it's maintained.



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Arthur Burke, 2 Union Street: He spoke in favor of renovating the High School, even if they decide to build a new High School.

Amanda Russell, 20 Cranbrook Lane, School Board Chairperson: She spoke in favor of the Dover High School project. She spoke about conditions at the current high school, and the efficiencies with building a new high school.

Donald Medbery, 3 Covered Bridge Lane: He spoke against the maintenance on the current high school. He said the McConnell Center is proof that renovation works. He spoke against building a new high school. He said the \$13 million is for the Car

Jeffrey Brissette, 11 Fieldstone Drive: He spoke in favor of the Dover High School, but felt it should be voted on by the citizens.

Sarah Greenshields, 13 South Watson Road, School Board Member: She spoke in favor of the Dover High School project.

Joseph Nicolella, 33A Piscataqua Road: He spoke about his research for the per square foot cost versus the RS means numbers. He said his research showed the numbers the Joint Building Committee has come up with seem to be reasonable.

Stephen Giguere, 26 Danielle Lane: He spoke in favor of the Dover High School project.

[name unintelligible], **Dover Point Road:** He spoke in favor of bringing this to a vote from the citizens and renovating the current high school.

Daniel Fogarty, 16 Florence Street: He spoke in favor of the Dover High School project.

Mayor Weston, seeing no one else wishing to speak, closed the Citizen's Forum.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

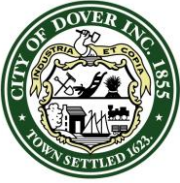
City Manager Joyal said he submitted his report in writing. He recognized Finance Director Dan Lynch for receiving the 11th consecutive award for excellence in finance achievement. He also recognized Fire Chief Richard Driscoll for his 34 years with the City.

Deputy Mayor Carrier asked about the new gas lines and the effect they're having on the roadways.

City Manager Joyal said he will be coming to the Council within the next few months with an ordinance for rules on right of ways on roadways by private utilities.

Mayor Weston asked for the pay by space with a smartphone method for the new parking garage.

City Manager Joyal said this was in addition to the parking kiosks that will be available. He explained about the process for pay by space method.



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Mayor Weston asked about the average home price in Dover.

City Manager Joyal said it was an Assessing function every year to figure out that average price for houses in Dover.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept the City Manager's Report; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.

Vote: 9/0.

Mayor Weston moved to suspend the rules to move up on the Agenda Item #12.C.1 to this point; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Gagnon moved for the adoption of Item # 12.C.1.; seconded by Councilor Garrison. Deputy Mayor Carrier and Councilor Gagnon gave an overview of the resolution to the Council. School Board Chairperson went over the enrollment.

Councilor Cheney explained to the Council why she was abstaining from the vote because she feels the process is not following the law.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the financials for bonding.

Roll Call Vote: 7/1; Passed. Councilor McManus was opposed. Councilor Cheney abstained from the vote.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 5, 2015 – Workshop Session

B. August 5, 2015 – Special Meeting

C. August 12, 2015 – Regular Meeting

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to approve the Minutes; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.

Council noted two Scribner's errors in Citizen's Forum: the address for Senator Watters, and the spelling for Hebbard. The Mayor asked the City Clerk to have those fixed.

Vote: 9/0

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weston announced that Tolend Road was being paved. She attended the Governor's and City Council meeting at the Children's Museum.

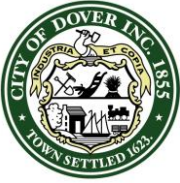
Councilor Cheney moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.

Vote: 9/0.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2nd READING

B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3RD READING



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C. RESOLUTIONS

1. **APPROPRIATION FOR FY2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR DOVER HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BONDING (REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL)**
SPONSORED BY DEPUTY MAYOR CARRIER AND COUNCILOR GAGNON

Moved up on the Agenda to follow the City Manager's Report.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **PARADE – Parish of the Assumption**
2. **RAFFLE – Dover High School Football Booster Club**
3. **ROAD RACE – Greek Orthodox Church**
4. **ROAD TOLL – American Legion Auxiliary Unit 8**
5. **ROAD TOLL – Relay for Life on behalf of the American Cancer Society**
6. **TAG – Dover Parents Music Club**
7. **TAG – Seacoast Titans Football and Cheer – September 18 – 19, 2015**
8. **TAG – Seacoast Titans Football and Cheer – October 2 – 3, 2015**
9. **B16001 ROAD SALT COOPERATIVE PURCHASE**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST
10. **B16002 WORK VAN FOR UTILITY DIVISION**
SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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|---|---|
| 1. School Board | 10. Pool Advisory Committee |
| 2. Planning Board | 11. Parking Commission |
| 3. Appointments Committee | 12. Ordinance Committee |
| 4. Recreation Advisory Board | 13. Police and Parking Facility Building Committee |
| 5. McConnell Center Advisory Committee | 14. Joint Building Committee – Dover High School and Regional CTC |
| 6. Arts Commission | 15. Dover Main Street |
| 7. Solid Waste Advisory Commission | 16. Library Board of Trustees |
| 8. Transportation Advisory Commission | |
| 9. Legislative Liaison | |

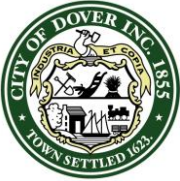
Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for the adoption of the Consent Calendar; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

Mayor Weston asked the Council if they had items they would like pulled for further discussion.

Mayor Weston pulled Item #13.A.9.

Councilor Hooper pulled the School Board Report.

Councilor Gagnon pulled the Solid Waste Advisory Committee Report.



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Deputy Mayor Carrier pulled the Police and Parking Facility Building Committee Report.
Mayor Weston asked for a vote on the remaining items on the Consent Calendar.
Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Mayor Weston said she pulled Item 13.A.9. because numbers need to be adjusted. She referred to the second Whereas: “rate of \$58.80” changed to \$54.38; and on the next line the “\$54.00” will be changed to \$54.10. She further changed the Now, Therefore: strike “\$58.80” and put in “as prices noted above.

Councilor Gagnon made the motion to make those changes to the resolution; seconded by Councilor Garrison.

Vote: 9/0.

Mayor Weston asked for a roll call vote on the amended resolution.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Hooper gave an overview of the School Board Report to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept the School Board Report; seconded by Councilor Gagnon.

Vote: 9/0.

Councilor Gagnon gave an oral Solid Waste Advisory Commission Report to the Council. He mentioned that August 29, 2015 is the Hazardous Waste Disposal Day.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept the Solid Waste Advisory Commission Report; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.

Vote: 9/0.

Deputy Mayor Carrier gave an oral Police and Parking Facility Building Committee Report to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moves to accept the Police and Parking Facility Building Committee Report; seconded by Councilor O’Connor.

Vote: 9/0.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. GEOGRAPHIC NAME CHANGE – COCHECO RIVER

SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to refer to a Public Hearing on September 9, 2015; seconded by Councilor Cheney.

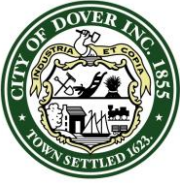
Vote: 9/0.

2. MARILLA MARKS YOUNG RICKER

SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR McMANUS

Councilor McManus moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Gagnon.

Roll Call Vote: 9/0.



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3. BOUCHARD AND HUGHES WELL & BARBADOS POND STUDY
SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.
Roll Call Vote: 9/0.

4. B15021 LED LIGHTING UPGRADE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FINANCING
MCCONNELL CENTER
(REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL)
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2015, WITH A
CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2015)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to refer to a public hearing on September 9, 2015; seconded by Councilor Garrison.
Vote: 9/0.

5. CHARTER AMENDMENT – LEGAL OFFICER
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2015)
SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR CHENEY

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to refer to a public hearing on September 9, 2015; seconded by Councilor Gagnon.

Councilor Gagnon noted that the wording is incorrect and should be amended.

Councilor Thibodeaux started a discussion about this being against State Law.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the process.

Councilor Cheney moved to strike "Ward elections for the School Board", and insert "amend the Charter to have the City Attorney report to the City Council"; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.

Vote: 9/0.

Mayor Weston asked for a vote to refer to a public hearing.

Councilor O'Connor moved to refer the amended resolution to a public hearing on September 9, 2015; seconded by Councilor Cheney.

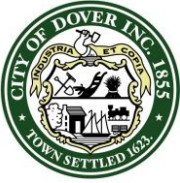
The Council discussed having an attorney's opinion for the City and ask him to come to a Council Workshop.

Vote: 9/0.

6. CHARTER AMENDMENT – SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2015)
SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR CHENEY

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to refer to a public hearing on September 9, 2015; seconded by Councilor Gagnon.

Vote: 9/0.



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C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING

**1. CHAPTER 113: FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT
(TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2015)
SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR GARRISON AS PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Councilor Garrison moved to refer to a public hearing on September 9, 2015; seconded by Councilor Hooper.
Vote: 9/0.

14. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

15. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Councilor Thibodeaux welcomed Penny University Café in Ward 3.

Councilor Cheney said the Attorney General is the top attorney for the State and he approved the Charter Amendments.

Councilor O'Connor thanked Chief Driscoll for his services.

Deputy Mayor Carrier gave the numbers for the Dover High School to be attached to the resolution.

Councilor Gagnon talked about politics in local government, and said it has no place. He talked about the Dover High School project.

Mayor Weston thanked Doris Grady for all her work on the School Board and in the education system.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.
Vote: 9/0