



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Monday, June 20, 2016**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Otis Perry, Vice Chair Jay Stephens, Mark Moeller, Bret Carmichael

Members Absent: Norman Allie, Dennis Munson

Alternate Member Present:

Staff Present: Doug Steele, Deputy City Manager Community Services, Bill Boulanger, Superintendent of PW & Utilities

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2016

Discussion: Carmichael stated that the minutes show Matt Lahr, former DUC member, as being absent when he had resigned from the DUC prior to the May 16, 2016 meeting.

Motion: Carmichael made the motion to approve the minutes with the edit, Moeller seconded.

Vote: U/a

3. Abatement Requests

A. 903 Central Avenue - William Shaheen

Applicant stated that he is requesting an abatement of 50% of the bill. There is one meter for the two units. One unit is a hair salon and the other unit was a bridal salon. The bridal salon had one toilet and one sink. The salon was receiving large bills which they believed to be incorrect. The hair salon stated that they believed that it was the bridal salon that was making the larger bill. The owner of the bridal salon told them that she is only at the store when a bride wanted to try on dresses. The owner of the bridal salon moved to a different location. When the unit was empty, Shaheen found that the toilet had been running all that time and the business owner never reported it. The bill is now over \$5,000. His plumber repaired the toilet. He believes that they should only pay for the water portion of the bill not the sewer.

Perry stated that the only time water and sewer flow counts is if the water that flows through doesn't go through the sewer system, irrigation. Water and sewer has to be counted as the same unless it were to go onto the ground. If it flows through the toilet, it does go through the sewer system.

Motion: Moeller made the motion to abate 50% of the bill. No second. Motion failed.

Motion: Stephens made the motion to deny the request, Carmichael seconded.

Discussion: Stephens stated that he understands the situation but the water did go through the sewer.

Vote: 3-1; Moeller was in opposition.



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4. 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: Carmichael made the motion to approve the reports, Moeller seconded.

Vote: U/a

5. New Business

6. Old Business

A. Water Facilities Update

Boulanger stated that they are currently out to bid on the facilities plan to update the wells and pump stations. The current phase will be to upgrade the Lowell Avenue plant. Smith Well and Cummings Well, which feed into the Lowell Avenue plant, will be completely demolished and combined into one plant. Campbell Well and Calderwood Well will be combined as well. This is due to start in the fall. Since they've closed Griffin Well, a new well has been drilled. Also a replacement well for the Ireland well has been drilled.

B. School Water Sampling Update

Boulanger stated that all of the public schools were tested. They should be receiving the results within the next couple of weeks. Portsmouth Christian Academy, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Mary's are currently in the testing process. The next round will be daycares and preschools. After, they will start with the "general lead rule" which is any building built prior to 1983. They'll do a random sampling of that group.

7. User's Forum-None

8. Areas of Concern

Perry stated that he is on the Stewardship of Resources Master Plan Chapter Committee. They've come up with a survey that they would like as many residents to complete as possible.

9. Next Meeting Date

July 18, 2016

10. Adjourn

Motion: Moeller made the motion to adjourn at _____, Carmichael seconded.

Vote: U/a