



CITY OF DOVER

CITY COUNCIL – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **McConnell Center, Room 306**
Meeting Date: **Wednesday, September 13, 2017**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Shanahan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Weston, Deputy Mayor Carrier, Councilor Ciotti, Councilor Gasses, Councilor Greenshields, Councilor O'Connor, Councilor Shanahan, and Councilor Thibodeaux.

Absent: Councilor Gagnon

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

5. PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to add as Item #13.A.11. a raffle/tag for Seacoast Swimming Association. He moved to pull Item 13.A.10. because more information is needed for the resolution. He moved to add an Appointments Committee Report and an oral Joint Building Committee – Dover High School and Regional CTC Report.

Councilor Greenshields said she will talk on behalf of the School Board regarding the Joint Building Committee – Dover High School and Regional CTC Report.

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

Vote: 8/0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 79-E APPLICATION REVIEW 104 WASH STREET, LLC SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

Mayor Weston, seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing

B. REPROGRAMING UNEXPENDED BONDING AUTHORIZATION AND CAPITAL RESERVE AUTHORIZATION FOR UNION STREET PROJECT TO HANSON STREET PROJECT (REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL; VOTE TAKES PLACE SEPTEMBER 27, 2017. SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

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C. REPROGRAMING UNEXPENDED BONDING AUTHORIZATION FOR PISCATAQUA ROAD PROJECT TO SPUR ROAD PROJECT (REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL; VOTE TAKES PLACE SEPTEMBER 27, 2017. SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

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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.

James Verschueren, 102B Sixth Street: He spoke in favor the Dover City Council's forward thinking. He thanked Mayor Weston for her support for the Indonesians facing deportation. He spoke about the development in the City, and recommend the City urge the developer to come up with a unique design for Dover and not a replica of what they built in Portsmouth. He spoke in favor of the Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens.

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 had a few items to bring to the Council's attention, but first asked the City Clerk to give an overview of the upcoming Elections in Dover.

City Clerk Lavertu gave an overview of the two upcoming Elections: the October 24, 2017 Special District 13 Election for Dover Ward 1, and the November 7, 2017 Municipal Election. She discussed the changes with registering to vote. She spoke about availability of absentee ballots and that the requests are available on the City's website.

City Manager Joyal talked about the ballot question regarding Keno. He gave an overview of the Citizens Leadership Academy and said due to popularity they may be scheduling a second session.

He spoke about the upcoming upgrade to the State's Motor Vehicle Registration process and said the City Clerk's Office, as Municipal Agents, will be affected and unable to register cars around Columbus Day weekend and possibly a few days afterwards if there are any glitches. He encouraged citizens to register their cars soon if their renewal time was in October.

He spoke about the Veterans Memorial Park, and said the engraved bricks will be delayed because the company is in Naples, Florida, which has been impacted by Hurricane Irma.

Deputy Mayor Carrier asked about the work on Bellamy Road.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the work being done by the City and UNH on Bellamy Road to the Council.



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Deputy Mayor Carrier referred to the gazebo that the Dover CTC built, and asked about moving it to the Dover Dog Park.

Councilor O'Connor said it's pretty big and they are working on the logistics for moving it. He said it would need a hauling permit.

Councilor Thibodeaux asked about installing a sound wall on Route 16 in the Renaud Avenue area.

City Manager Joyal said that it wasn't part of the plan a few years ago, but with the help of Senator Watters they have addressed what could be done. He said he understands that recently the DOT has changed the plan to include a sound wall as long as the community paid half. He said the Planning Department has been working with the DOT to install sound walls with residents impacted by Route 16.

Councilor Thibodeaux asked about snow plowing sidewalks.

City Manager Joyal talked about prioritizing sidewalk plowing.

Councilor O'Connor referred to the Dover Business and Industrial Development Authority (DBIDA) report and said it's great the unemployment rate is 2.2%, but it also meant businesses are having trouble finding good employees.

Mayor Weston referred to a recent email she received from DBIDA that Dover ranked 15 in the top 25 U.S. Cities for Career Opportunities.

City Manager Joyal talked about what the City is doing and the need to keep investing in Schools and the CTC.

Councilor Shanahan asked about the Whittier Street Bridge.

City Manager Joyal gave an overview of the Whittier Street Bridge, and said it should be open later this Fall.

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

Vote: 8/0.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 16, 2017 – Workshop

B. August 23, 2017 – Regular Meeting

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

Vote: 8/0.



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11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Weston listed the events she's attended: several ribbon cuttings, Indonesian Festival, a Government Affairs Meeting hosted by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce, and a DBIDA meeting.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept the Mayor's Report; seconded by Councilor Greenshields.

Vote: 8/0.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCES IN THE 2nd READING

B. ORDINANCES IN THE 3RD READING

C. RESOLUTIONS

1. 79-E APPLICATION REVIEW 104 WASH STREET, LLC SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Shanahan.
Assistant City Manager Parker gave an overview of the process to the Council.
Roll Call Vote: 8/0.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. RAFFLE – Dover Shockwave Robotics**
- 2. RAFFLE – First Parish Church Congregational, United Church of Christ**
- 3. RAFFLE – Woodman Museum –Antique Car Show**
- 4. RAFFLE – Woodman Museum – Voices from the Cemetery**
- 5. RAFFLE – Woodman Museum – Veterans Day at the Woodman**
- 6. RAFFLE – Woodman Museum – Victorian Celebration**
- 7. ROAD RACE – Dover High School Unified**
- 8. TAG – Dover Little Green Cheerleading**
- 9. SETTING VOTING HOURS FOR OCTOBER 24, 2017 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR DISTRICT 13 AND THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST**
- ~~10. OPERATING RULES FOR HERITAGE COMMISSION
SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR SHANAHAN~~**

Pulled from agenda.



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11. RAFFLE/TAG – Seacoast Swimming Association

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. School Board
2. Planning Board
3. **Appointments Committee**
4. Arena Commission
5. **Arts Commission**
6. Energy Commission
7. Legislative Liaison
8. Library Board of Trustees
9. McConnell Center Advisory Committee
10. Ordinance Committee
11. Parking Commission
12. Pool Advisory Committee
13. Recreation Advisory Board
14. Solid Waste Advisory Commission
15. Transportation Advisory Commission
16. **Joint Building Committee – Dover High School and Regional Career Technical Center**
17. Joint Building Committee – Garrison Elementary School
18. Dover Main Street
19. Dover's 400th Anniversary Committee

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for the adoption of the Consent Calendar; seconded by Councilor Shanahan.

Councilor Shanahan moved to add a verbal report on the Arts Commission.

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

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to pull the Appointments Committee Report and the Joint Building Committee – Dover High School and Regional CTC Report.

Councilor Shanahan pulled the Arts Commission Report.

Mayor Weston asked for a roll call vote on the remaining items on the Consent Calendar.

Vote: 8/0.

Deputy Mayor Carrier gave an overview of the Appointments Committee Report and made the following recommendations for appointment:

Serena Duckrow Fonda – Arts Commission Alternate Member

Zachary Koehler – Energy Commission Regular Member

Periklis Karoutas – Parking Commission Regular Member

Heather Twombly – Recreation Advisory Board Alternate Member

Anthony Sillitta – Zoning Board of Adjustment Alternate Member

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for their acceptance; seconded by Councilor Ciotti.

Vote: 8/0.

George Reagan – alternate to regular on Zoning Board of Adjustment

Aaron Wozmak – alternate to regular on Recreation Advisory Board

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for their acceptance; seconded by Councilor Ciotti.

Vote: 8/0.

Deputy Mayor Carrier listed the current openings on Boards and Commissions.

Deputy Mayor Carrier and Councilor Greenshields gave an overview of the Joint Building Committee – Dover High School and Regional CTC Report to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept the Joint Building Committee – Dover High School and Regional CTC Report; seconded by Councilor Ciotti.

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Councilor Shanahan gave an overview on the Arts Commission Report to the Council.
Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to accept the Arts Commission Report; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.
Vote: 8/0.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. RESTORATION OF MERGED LOTS (57 FOREST STREET)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved for its adoption; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.
Roll Call Vote: 8/0.

2. FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT – RESCIND TRANSFER TO TIP CAPITAL RESERVE AND REDUCTION OF HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT AID REVENUE (REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL) (TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2017, FOLLOWED BY COUNCIL VOTE, ALSO TO TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2017)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to refer to a public hearing on September 27, 2017; seconded by Councilor Ciotti.
Vote: 8/0.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL STATE HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (REQUIRES A 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL) (TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2017, FOLLOWED BY COUNCIL VOTE, ALSO TO TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2017)
SPONSORED BY MAYOR WESTON BY REQUEST

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to refer to a public hearing on September 27, 2017; seconded by Councilor Gasses.
Vote: 8/0.

C. ORDINANCES IN 1ST READING

1. CHAPTER 152 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS (TO BE REFERRED TO A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2017, FOLLOWED BY COUNCIL VOTE, ALSO TO TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2017)
SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR CIOTTI

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14. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Comcast, dated 8/30/2017.

Deputy Mayor Carrier moved to place correspondence on file; seconded by Councilor O'Connor.
Vote: 8/0.

15. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Councilor O'Connor read an article from Foster's Daily Democrat regarding Somerworth's Resolution to help immigrants. He said it is about respect, human compassion, and doing the right thing.

Deputy Mayor Carrier agreed wholeheartedly on Councilor O'Connor's comments.
Councilor Shanahan also made comments about the children who are being impacted by this. He told people to contact your legislature to fix this issue.

Mayor Weston said she will be holding a Coffee with the Superintendent and Mayor session on Saturday at the McConnell Center.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Greenshields moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Thibodeaux.
Vote: 8/0.