



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Monday, September 18, 2017**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Otis Perry, Vice Chairman Jay Stephens, Dennis Munson, Robert Berry, Mark Moeller, Norman Allie

Members Absent: Bret Carmichael

Alternate Member Present: Vacant

Staff Present: John Storer, Community Services Director, Bill Boulanger, Deputy Director Community Services, Jennifer Bretz, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. User's Forum - None

3. Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2017

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

Vote: u/a

4. Abatement Requests

A. 22 ½ Baker Street – Jaclyn Smith

Motion: Berry made the motion to refer to the next meeting, Munson seconded.

Vote: U/a

Moeller arrived at 6:04pm

Jaclyn Smith arrived at 6:05 pm.

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

Vote: U/a

Applicant, Jaclyn Smith, stated that she purchased the house in November 10, 2016 and didn't move in until January 24, 2017. When she received her first bill, in February, she had only been to the house five times. She's unsure of how the bill had gotten so high when she didn't physically live in the house during the reading timeframe. Since she's lived in the house, she hasn't accumulated as many units as the high bill.

Boulanger stated that a meter test was conducted and tested out at 100%. There was no other information to go on which is why the Abatement Review Team denied the abatement.

Perry stated that after the final reading, she didn't live in the home but the readings went up.

Boulanger stated the only thing he can see is an additional month in the reading period.

Allie asked Smith if a leak had been found.

Smith stated that the night she closed, she went to the home with her realtor and there was nothing leaking.



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Boulanger stated that he only has the data received to go on.

Berry stated that it doesn't make sense to him.

Applicant stated that she didn't move in until after the reading was done.

Berry stated that with no one being in the house, you don't know where the water usage came from.

Motion: Berry made the motion to abate 43 water and sewer units, Moeller seconded.

Discussion: Stephens stated that there is nothing that they're going to find to explain the discrepancy.

Vote: Pass 4-2; Stephens, Allie oppose, Berry, Munson, Moeller, Perry in favor.

5. 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: Munson made the motion to approve the reports, Stephens seconded.

Vote: U/a

6. New Business-None

7. Old Business

A. Lawn Watering Ban (tabled 4/24/2017)

Motion: Berry made the motion to remove from the table, Stephens seconded.

Vote: Pass 5-1; Allie opposes

Boulanger stated that the board had been trying to get this ordinance passed. The board tabled the ordinance decision because they were waiting to hear if the state legislation was going to apply the ban to businesses. The state legislation failed to do anything for it so it was thrown out. At this point, there is no reason for board to leave it on the table.

Allie stated that he spent a lot of time redlining the ordinance and is still against it since none of his suggestions made it into the draft ordinance.

Boulanger stated that if the board wants to discuss Allie's redlines than they can. It isn't for staff to redo the ordinance.

Perry stated that he had made a few comments as well that didn't make it into the ordinance.

Storer stated that the ordinance came directly from the Legal department.



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Perry stated that it was on the website for everyone to see and changes were recommended. He doesn't know if any of the changes were incorporated into the current draft.

Discussion ensued regarding the water ban ordinance.

Motion: Munson made the motion to refer to the next meeting, Moeller seconded.

Vote: Pass 5-1; Allie opposed

8. Areas of Concern

Perry stated that he is on the city's Energy Commission. The city is actively looking for two areas to install solar panels. He thinks that it ought to be part of the planning process to actively look for and install as many photovoltaics and wind towers as they can throughout the city. His interest is leveling out and having some impact on the cost of electricity for the city. It's going to become cheaper and cheaper.

9. Next Meeting Date

October 16, 2017

10. Adjourn

Motion: Munson made the motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m., Berry seconded.

Vote: U/a