



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER UTILITIES COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 271 Mast Road, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Monday, August 21, 2017**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members Present: Chairman Otis Perry, Dennis Munson, Robert Berry, Mark Moeller, Bret Carmichael, Norm Allie

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Jay Stephens

Alternate Member Present: Vacant

Staff Present: 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 May 15, 2017

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

Vote: u/a

4. Approval of Minutes of June 19, 2017

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

Discussion: Berry stated that he was not present at last meeting. Allie stated that his last name was spelled incorrectly throughout the minutes.

Vote: U/a

5. Annual Election of Officers

Motion: Berry made the motion to elect Otis Perry as the Chairman, Munson seconded.

Motion: Carmichael made the motion to elect Jay Stephens as Vice Chairman, Munson seconded.

Vote: U/a

6. Abatement Requests

A. 45 Sandra's Run – Gary Oczkowski

Boulanger stated that Mr. Oczkowski was previously before the board during the May 2017 meeting. Since the applicant has the new Galaxy meter, Boulanger was able to provide him with a reading from June 30, 2016 through September 29, 2016. When he looks at the reading, the only way to explain the spikes is lawn watering.

Applicant stated that hasn't done anything different. He doesn't understand the readings are abnormal when he hasn't done anything differently. He has spoken to people in his neighborhood with irrigation and they've never had a bill as high as his.

Boulanger stated his recommendation is to give a sewer credit since it seems to be water. The applicant does not have a long history with the property.

Motion: Munson made a motion to grant the sewer portion of \$336.84, Berry seconded.

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B. 60 Cushing Street – Jill Brooks

Applicant was not present

Motion: Berry made the motion to deny the request, Munson seconded,

Vote: U/a

C. 2 Scenic Drive – Ian Harper

Applicant, Ian Harper, stated that he's a Utilities Supervisor in the USAF. The first bill he received was in January. The meter shows that the building has consumed more units, in 4 months, than the ten years he's owned property. The water usage is extremely high. The property has a small yard. There has been no watering of the yard. There's no erosion outside. He installed a new toilet. In March, the property was inspected by city staff. They didn't see any rings in the toilet which would indicate an overflow. At the end of May, the water bill was still rising. City staff came out and installed a new meter. The meter tested correctly but, excess water usage went away as soon as meter was replaced.

Munson asked who was living in home.

Applicant stated his tenant that has been living in the home for 3 years.

Boulanger stated that being a realist, he would say that there had to have been something wrong with the meter. It was good that they were able to wait 3 months for new readings. In the past, when they've seen excessive bills, there's been a reason behind it. The transponder was replaced in 2004. The meter was originally installed in 1994. The meter was considerably old.

Motion: Munson made a motion to abate \$788.92 of water and \$1,307.26 of sewer from the first request, Moeller seconded.

Vote: U/a

Motion: Munson made the motion to abate \$ \$1,316.48 of water and \$2,181.44 of sewer from the second request, Moeller seconded.

Vote: U/a

7. 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, Berry seconded.

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8. New Business-None

9. Old Business

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

Boulanger passed out a graph showing the well levels/screens. He stated that the levels are climbing but it will take a couple of years for the levels to get back to what they were in 2014.

Perry stated that they're not in drought situation but the levels are not recovering as quickly as they should.

Boulanger stated that new Lavoie Well is not listed on the chart. Willand pond, Smith Well and Cummings Well will be on soon.

10. Areas of Concern

Berry stated that he wasn't at the June meeting but after going through the included meter presentation, he wanted to tell Carmichael that it was a great presentation.

11. Next Meeting Date

September 18, 2017

12. Adjourn

Motion: Munson made the motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m., Berry seconded.

Vote: U/a