



TOWN OF DOVER
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2016 7:00 PM

The Caucus Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held in council chambers, 37 N. Sussex Street, Dover, New Jersey.

Mayor Dodd called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd

Also present were Municipal Clerk Margaret Verga, Administrator Donald Travisano and Attorney Timothy Downs

Municipal Clerk Margaret Verga stated adequate notice was given to the official newspaper

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Open Public Meeting Law, notification of this meeting has been sent to all officially designated Town newspapers and notice is posted in the Town Hall.

PROCLAMATION: RELAY FOR LIFE OF CENTRAL MORRIS COUNTY

Mayor Dodd commented that the Town of Dover stepped up to the plate, with the help of the administrative secretary, Tara, acting on the Mayor's behalf and sharing the committee to establish a team for Relay for Life. Mayor Dodd expressed that everyone in the room has been touched by someone who has had cancer. The Town of Dover is proud to sponsor the event and thanked Tara for doing an outstanding job representing the community and the Mayor's team.

Mayor Dodd presented the proclamation and encouraged all board members to participate in the relay. Bonnie Rosenthal commented on the three different colors that their committee board members were wearing and its significance and encouraged everyone to attend. Ms. Rosenthal noted that as a result of Mayor Dodd's commitment to form a team other towns have stepped up the plate as well.

Tara Pettoni commented that she would like to see the board members participate in the event and hopes to bring in more donations than last year.

Mayor Dodd challenged the Police and Fire Department to get involved with Relay for Life and help raise money for the American Cancer Society. (Two representatives were present in the audience from both departments)

MUNICIPAL CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Invitation to the informal special 2016 public budget meeting on Monday, March 14 held by the Morris County Board of Freeholders Budget Subcommittee
2. Thank you card from the Library re: Mayor's participation in the Read Across America Day

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

1. Ord. No. 06-2016 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 286 of the Code of the Town of Dover Entitled "Regulation of Vacant and Foreclosing Properties" specifically as it relates to fees/Ald. MacDonald

Mayor Dodd commented that the fees are being amended in ordinance #06-2016.

AGENDA ITEMS:

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution Approving Bills List
2. Resolution Approving Taxis - Schedule A
3. Resolution Approving A Memorandum of Agreement Between the Town of Dover and OPEIU Local
4. Resolution to Endorse the Housing Element Fair Share Plan

Donald Travisano provided an explanation on the endorsement of the Housing Element Fair Share Plan.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held in council chambers, 37 N. Sussex Street, Dover, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dodd at 7:15 pm

ROLL CALL:

Present: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd

Also present were Municipal Clerk Margaret Verga, Administrator Donald Travisano and Attorney Timothy Downs

Municipal Clerk Margaret Verga stated adequate notice was given to the official newspaper

Mayor Dodd opened the meeting to the public on any agenda items.

Seeing no hands and hearing no voices, Mayor Dodd closed the meeting to the public

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Dodd has been working with the administrator on the budget preparation. He's been meeting with the Director of Economic Development and Community Affairs, William Reyes, and noted that he's doing a great job. He also met with the Director of Department of Public Works and there are a lot of improvements coming this spring and summer. The 2016 bond project roadway improvements will probably begin in late May or early June. He thanked Dover Renaissance for hosting the community meeting.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Downs continues to meet with the library director and board on several projects. Details on these projects will be disclosed at a later date.

ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2016

OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 286 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF DOVER ENTITLED "REGULATION OF VACANT AND FORECLOSING PROPERTIES."

WHEREAS, recent events in the local and national housing market have led to a drastic rise in the number of foreclosed houses. In municipalities throughout the nation, homes are being left vacant as families are forced to move out. These homes are frequently repossessed by banks, financial institutions and large real estate conglomerates who have little or no connection with the municipality in which they own property; and

WHEREAS, many of these homes are frequently vacated prior to the conclusion of the foreclosure process. Homes sit empty for months or years at a time awaiting foreclosure sale; often creating a substantial public nuisance. In many cases, these homes are in violation of local building, sanitary and property maintenance codes. The mortgagees are large financial institutions located out of state, making enforcement efforts very difficult; and

WHEREAS, these code violations include, among other violations, unoccupied buildings susceptible to vandalism and/or open structures rendering them unsafe and dangerous, yards full of litter and debris, unlocked houses, un-shoveled snow that renders sidewalks dangerous and impassable, overgrown grass and bushes and unsecured swimming pools that are not only a threat to children, but become breeding grounds for infectious insects such as mosquitoes; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the dangerous conditions described in the aforementioned clauses, these violations, if left unabated tend to increase the negative economic and aesthetic impact on the Town. Specifically, these eyesores contribute to lowered neighborhood property values and detract from any and all beautification efforts. Overall, foreclosures and vacant dwellings severely and appreciably impact the quality of life and the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Dover; and

WHEREAS, foreclosures and vacant homes and their impact on local residents' quality of life have become a nationwide epidemic. Banks and other financial institutions are refusing to maintain properties they now own and municipal inspectors have turned into investigators as they try to find out who the new owners are and how to contact them to correct code violations; and

WHEREAS, several municipalities throughout the country have adopted laws in an attempt to combat this growing crisis. Others are considering similar legislation;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. 286-1 Purpose

It is the intent of this Chapter to protect and preserve the public health, safety and welfare and security and quiet enjoyment of residents and neighborhoods by (i) requiring all real property owners, including banks, financial institutions, credit unions, lenders, trustees and service companies to properly maintain vacant and/or foreclosing properties, and (ii) regulating the maintenance of vacant and/or foreclosing real properties in order to prevent blighted and unsecured residences.

In addition to any other remedies in law or equity not set forth herein, enforcement authority shall be vested in the Code Enforcement Department. The Police Department and Department of Public Works shall also have enforcement authority with respect to this Ordinance. The Town Administrator, may also designate, when necessary, additional enforcement duties for other Town Departments or a contracted third party administrator.

SECTION 2. 286-2 Definitions

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When consistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural include the singular and words in the singular include the plural. The word “shall” is always mandatory and not merely directory.

Town – means the Town of Dover

Days – means consecutive calendar days.

Chief Code Enforcement Officer – means the Chief Code Enforcement Officer of the code Enforcement Department and/or his or her designee(s).

Enforcement Authority – means the Code Enforcement Department and any other Department designated as such by the Town Administrator.

Foreclosing – shall mean the legal process by which a mortgagee, or other lien holder, terminates a property owner's equitable right of redemption to obtain legal and equitable title to the real property pledged as security for a debt or the real property subject to the lien. This definition shall include, but is not limited to, public notice of default, a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, sale to the mortgagee or lien holder, certificate of title and all other processes, activities and actions, by whatever name, associated with the described process. The process is not concluded until the property obtained by the mortgagee, lien holder, or their designee, by certificate of title, or any other means, is sold to a non-related bona fide purchaser in an arm's length transaction to satisfy the debt or lien

Initiation of the foreclosure process – means any of the following actions taking by a mortgagee against the borrower or mortgagee of a property: (i) taking possession of the property; (ii) delivering a mortgagee's notice of intention to foreclose to the borrower; (iii) commencing a foreclosure action or filing a *lis pendens* in the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Mortgagee – means the bank, financial institution, lending institution, credit union and/or creditor, including but not limited to, service companies, lenders in a mortgage agreement and any agent, servant or employee of the mortgagee, or any successor in interest and/or assignee of the mortgagee's rights, interests or obligations under the mortgage agreement.

Property – means any real estate, residential property, or portion thereof, located in the Town of Dover, including buildings or structures situated on the property. For the purposes of this section only, property does not include property owned or subject to the control of the Town or any of its governmental bodies or agencies including, but not limited to, property owned or controlled by the Housing Authority of the Town of Dover.

Securing – means taking measures that assist in making the property inaccessible to unauthorized persons.

Vacant – means any property not currently legally occupied and not properly maintained or secured.

SECTION 3. 286-3 Registration of Vacant and/or Foreclosing Properties; duty to Provide Written Notice of Vacant, Property and/or Mortgage Foreclosure.

- a) Any Mortgagee who holds a mortgage on real property located within the Town shall perform an inspection of the property to determine vacancy or occupancy, upon default by the mortgagor. The Mortgagee shall, within ten (10) days of the inspection, register the property with the Code Enforcement Department, or its

designee, on forms or other manner as directed, and indicate whether the property is vacant or occupied. A separate registration is required for each property, whether it is found to be vacant or occupied.

- b) Registration pursuant to this section shall contain the name, direct mailing address, a direct contact name, telephone number, and e-mail address for the Mortgagee, and the Servicer, and the name and twenty-four (24) hour contact phone number of the local property management company responsible for the security and maintenance of the property
- c) Mortgagees who have existing registrable property on the effective date of this ordinance have 30 calendar days from the effective date to register the property with the Code Enforcement Department, or its designee, on forms or other manner as directed, and indicate whether the property is vacant or occupied. A separate registration is required for each property, whether it is vacant or occupied.
- d) If the mortgage on a registrable property is sold or transferred, the new Mortgagee is subject to all the terms of this Article and within 5 days of the transfer register the property and pay a registration fee in accordance with this Article. Any previous unpaid annual registration fees are the responsibility of the new Mortgagee or Trustee and are due and payable with their initial registration.
- e) If the Mortgagee owner of a foreclosed real property sells or transfers the property to a non-arm's length related person or entity, the transferee, is subject to all the terms of this Article and within 5 days of the transfer register the property and pay a registration fee in accordance with this Article. Any previous unpaid annual registration fees are the responsibility of the new registrable property owner and are due and payable with their initial registration.
- f) As long as the property is Registrable it shall be inspected by the Mortgagee, or designee, monthly. If an inspection shows a change in the property's occupancy status the mortgagee shall, within ten (10) days of that inspection, update the occupancy status of the property registration.
- g) A non-refundable annual registration fee established by resolution shall accompany each registration pursuant to this section.
- h) All registration fees must be paid directly from the Mortgagee, Trustee, Servicer, or Owner. Third Party Registration fees are not allowed without the consent of the Town and/or its authorized designee.
- i) Properties subject to this section shall remain under the annual registration requirement, and the inspection, security and maintenance standards of this section as long as they are registrable.
- j) Until the mortgage or lien on the property in question is satisfied, or legally discharged, the desire to no longer pursue foreclosure, the filing of a dismissal of lis pendens and/or summary of final judgment and/or certificate of title, voluntary or otherwise, does not exempt any Mortgagee holding the defaulted mortgage, from all the requirements of this article as long as the borrower is in default.
- k) Any person or legal entity that has registered a property under this section must report any change of information contained in the registration within ten (10) days of the change.
- l) Failure of the Mortgagee to properly register or to modify the registration form from time to time to reflect a change of circumstances as required by this article is a violation of the article and shall be subject to enforcement and any resulting monetary penalties.
- m) Pursuant to any administrative or judicial finding and determination that any property is in violation of this article, the Town may take the necessary action to ensure compliance with and place a lien on the property for the cost of the work performed to benefit the property and bring it into compliance.

All property registrations are valid for one year from the date of registration. A registration fee for the first year shall be five hundred dollars (\$500.00), second year shall be seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750), third year shall be one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1250), fourth year shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500) and the fifth and all subsequent years shall be five thousand dollars (\$5000). Said fees must accompany the registration form.

Once the property is no longer vacant or is sold or otherwise transferred, the owner must provide proof of sale, transfer or occupancy to the enforcement authority within thirty (30) days of sale, transfer or occupancy.

SECTION 4. 286-4 Maintenance Requirements

Properties subject to the requirements of this Chapter must be maintained in accordance with the all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations. The owner, local individual or local property management company must inspect the property twice a month for the duration of the vacancy.

The property must contain a posting with the name and 24-hour contact phone number of the local individual or property management company responsible for the maintenance. This sign must be posted on the front of the property so it is clearly visible from the street.

Adherence to this section does not relieve the owner of any applicable obligations set forth in the Code of the Town of Dover, covenant conditions and restrictions, and/or home owners' association rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. 286-5 Inspections

The enforcement authority shall have the authority and the duty to inspect properties subject to this Chapter for compliance and to issue summonses for any violations.

SECTION 6. 286-6 Enforcement and Penalties

Failure to initially register with the enforcement authority is punishable by a fine of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars.

If applicable, failure to properly identify the name of the individual or property management company is punishable by a fine of one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars.

Failure to maintain the property or respond to the notice as set forth in paragraph 1 of Section 3 hereinabove is punishable by a fine up to one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars, plus costs associated with the cleanup, to include, but not be limited to tipping fees and overtime for use of personnel and equipment, for the first offense and any subsequent offense may be punishable pursuant to the General Penalty Provision of this code.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Department of Public Works, in a case of an unregistered or delinquent registered owner, from cleaning up the property on an as needed basis and imposing a lien against the property for costs associated for cleanup as set forth in paragraph 3 of this Section.

Any fine(s) or cost(s) associated with cleaning up the property that remains uncollected or unpaid shall, by resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, become a lien upon the property, which lien shall hereafter form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said lands, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes to be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.14.

SECTION 7. 286-7 Implementation

Upon the effective date as set forth in Section 10 herein below, any existing vacant or foreclosing properties shall have thirty (30) days to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9.

If any portion or clause of this ordinance is declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, same shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other part or portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 10.

The Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

Alderman MacDonald has moved the ordinance be adopted and duly seconded by Alderwoman Romaine and passed for first reading by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd

Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

BILL LIST RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover have examined all bills presented for payment; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds in the account(s) to which respective bills have been charged.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover do hereby approve the bills as listed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials are hereby authorized to sign the checks for payment of same.

RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$24,061.72
CURRENT ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$3,186,084.40
GENERAL CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$18,822.00
WATER UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$173,848.69
WATER UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
WATER CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$4,500.00
PARKING UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$24,480.69
PARKING UTILITY RESERVE ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
PARKING CAPITAL ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$22,435.80
ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$175.20
EVIDENCE TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
RECYCLING TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
COUNTY FORFEITED ASSETS TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSETS ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
TRUST/OTHER ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$4,234.34
COAH TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID	<u>\$3,458,642.84</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following claims have been paid prior to the Bill List Resolution in the following amounts:

CURRENT ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
STATE & FEDERAL GRANT FUND	\$0.00
COUNTY FORFEITED ASSETS TRUST ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
WATER UTILITY ACCT claims in the amount of:	\$0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS PAID	\$0.00
TOTAL BILL LIST RESOLUTION	<u>\$3,458,642.84</u>

Alderwoman Romaine has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Picciallo and passed by the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth and O'Connor
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: Alderman Camacho and Mayor Dodd**

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER
APPROVING TAXIS/LIMOS TO BE LICENSED IN THE TOWN OF DOVER

WHEREAS, the following companies, have applied for a license to operate the vehicle(s) listed below on Schedule A hereto and made a part hereof as taxicab(s)/limo(s) in the Town of Dover; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate municipal departments have reviewed the application(s) as required and have no objections to same being licensed as taxicabs/limos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey that the taxicab(s)/limo(s) listed below are hereby approved for taxi/limo license(s) in the Town of Dover.

Schedule A

AXELS EXPRESS LIMO & TAXI

2009 Chrysler	R657154	OT2458	TAXI
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CITY LIMO & TAXI INC

2006 Chrysler	B594460	OT1557	TAXI
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Alderman Romaine has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Picciallo and passed by the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF DOVER
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE
OPEIU LOCAL 32 - WHITE COLLAR UNION**

WHEREAS, Dover and the OPEIU Local 32 (White Collar Union) are parties to a collective bargaining agreement which expired on December 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the parties have engaged in negotiation; and

WHEREAS, those negotiations have resulted in an agreement for a three (3) year contract commencing January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the MOA is attached hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the MOA between Dover and the OPEIU Local 32 (White Collar Union) in substantially the same form as it is attached hereto.

2. The Mayor and Clerk are also authorized to execute a contract drafted in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement.

Alderman Visioli has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Romaine and passed by the following roll call vote.

**Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O'Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None**

**HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN
DECIDED ON MARCH 22, 2016
MEMORIALIZED ON MARCH 22, 2016**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Mount Laurel Doctrine every municipality has a constitutional obligation to create a realistic opportunity for producing a fair share of the regional present and prospective need for housing low and moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court issued a Decision and Order on March 10, 2015, In Re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by the Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), wherein the Court held that because COAH failed to adopt amended Third Round Rules, constitutional compliance cannot be evaluated under COAH's jurisdiction which thereby rendered the FHA's exhaustion of administrative remedies futile; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court in Mount Laurel IV ordered that the Courts may resume their role as the forum of first instance for evaluating compliance with Mount Laurel obligations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Mount Laurel IV, the Town of Dover filed a Declaratory Judgment action with the Court on July 8, 2015 under Docket No. MRS-L-1696-15; and

WHEREAS, this matter is being Case Managed by the Honorable Stephan C. Hansbury, J.S.C. who entered an Order on November 2, 2015, which among other relief, extended the period of temporary immunity to April 6, 2016; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Order of November 2, 2015, the Town of Dover was required to submit a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (HEFSP) to the Court on or before April 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Court entered an Order on February 10, 2016 along with a letter to counsel dated February 19, 2016, which clarified the November 2, 2015 Order and confirmed that it would be acceptable to the Court, if the Planning Board adopted a Resolution accepting the HEFSP with an indication that, if approved by the Court, the Planning Board would proceed to promptly conduct a public hearing and adopt it as part of the Master Plan approval process and that approval of the governing body would also be required; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Dover retained Maser Consulting, P.A. to prepare a HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting, P.A. has prepared a HEFSP dated March 17, 2016 which has been reviewed by the Town of Dover Planning Board was has determined that the HEFSP is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Town of Dover’s Master Plan and that if approved by the Court, the Planning Board will proceed to promptly adopt it as part of the Master Plan approval process in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Land Use Law; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has reviewed the HEFSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover (“Governing Body”) will proceed to endorse and/or adopt the HEFSP if approved by the Court and the Planning Board.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The undersigned secretary certifies the within resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Dover (“Governing Body”) on March 22, 2016, and memorialized herein pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10(g) on March 22, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a notice of this action shall be printed once in the official Town Newspaper.

Alderman Visioli has moved the foregoing resolution be adopted and duly seconded by Alderman Picciallo and passed by the following roll call vote.

Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O’Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Antonio Acosta – 130 Madison Street, Dover – Mr. Acosta commented that the visual message boards look great but the “Town of Dover” lettering needs to be a different color than the gold letters. Mayor Dodd expressed that it should be hunter green. He noted that there are trees missing in the downtown area and was wondering why they haven’t been replaced. It was noted that the funds are not available. He wanted to know the status of the new apartments in the downtown area. Mayor Dodd noted that the developers are out for funding and the ground breaking should be shortly. He noted that he had a conversation with a realtor in the area who expressed that the area is not a desirable. Mr. Acosta expressed that we are not progressing with the property maintenance. Mayor Dodd noted that we are limited in what we can do with the Governor’s 2% cap which makes hiring additional personnel very difficult.

Connie Sibona Foster – 90 Penn Avenue, Dover – Mrs. Sibona-Foster expressed that the town needs to educate the residents on the recycling process. She commented that they had a very good Renaissance community meeting and noted that residents were commenting that neighbors need to start helping each other out and start volunteering.

**Motion to adjourn made by Mayor Dodd at 7:45 pm,
and duly seconded by Alderwoman Romaine passed by the following voice vote.**

Ayes: Aldermen Visioli, Picciallo, Romaine, Blackman, MacDonald, Toth, O’Connor, Camacho and Mayor Dodd
Nays: None Absent: None Abstained: None

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Verga, Municipal Clerk