



**CITY OF DOVER**

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Agenda Item#:  
**13B2**

Resolution Number: **R - 2010.03.10 – B10034 -52**

Resolution Re: Ad-hoc Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study Committee

WHEREAS: The City of Dover Community Services Department was awarded a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to conduct a feasibility study on the potential to establish a stormwater utility in Dover

WHEREAS: Stearns and Wheler Environmental Engineers and Scientists (GHD) of Hyannis Ma were selected to conduct the Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study

WHEREAS: The Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study will be a facilitated process and will potentially change the way City stormwater operations and improvements are paid for; and

WHEREAS: It is important that the various interested stakeholders are involved in the process

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND DOVER CITY COUNCIL THAT:

An Ad-Hoc Stormwater Utility Study Committee is hereby established. Said committee shall consist of nine (9) members; membership to be comprised as follows: two (2) city councilors, one (1) member of the Planning Board, one (1) member of the Dover Utilities Commission, one (1) member from the development community, one (1) member from a non profit organization, one (1) member of the Dover Chamber of Commerce, and two (2) citizens at large to be nominated by the Mayor and appointed by vote of the City Council, the Community Services Director and Finance Director as ex-officio members. The City Councilors appointed shall be the Chair and Vice Chair as designated by the Council.

The purpose of the shall be to participate in the Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study and report to the City Council upon completion of the study with its findings and a recommendation for future funding of stormwater operations and improvements by no later than October 6, 2010.

### AUTHORIZATION

Approved as to Funding: Daniel R. Lynch  
Finance Director

Sponsored by: Mayor Scott Myers  
By request

Approved for Legal Compliance: Allan B. Krans, Sr.  
City Attorney

Recorded by: Karen Lavertu  
City Clerk



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### DOCUMENT HISTORY:

First Reading Date:	Public Hearing Date:
Approved Date:	Effective Date:

### DOCUMENT ACTIONS:

VOTING RECORD		
Date of Vote:	YEAH	NAY
Mayor Scott Myers		
Deputy Mayor, Dean Trefethen, At Large		
Councilor Robert Carrier, Ward 1		
Councilor William Garrison III, Ward 2		
Councilor Jan Nedelka, Ward 3		
Councilor Dorothea Hooper, Ward 4		
Councilor Catherine Cheney, Ward 5		
Councilor Gina Cruikshank, Ward 6		
Councilor Karen Weston, At Large		
Total Votes:		
Resolution does   does not pass.		



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### RESOLUTION BACKGROUND MATERIAL:

The City of Dover Community Services Department was awarded a grant from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to conduct a feasibility study on the potential to establish a stormwater utility in Dover. A stormwater utility would implement a user fee system similar to the existing water and sewer utilities in Dover. Instead of generating funds for stormwater based on property values through the general fund, a stormwater utility charges user fees based on a property's impact to the operation of the stormwater system.

Dover's infrastructure is a combination of relatively new and very old structures. Like most other Cities across the country the level maintenance has been low primarily as a result of competing budget needs throughout the City of Dover. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established Phase II Stormwater Regulation and issued the first General Permit in 2003. The first General Permit expired in 2008 but is in force until the second General Permit is issued. The second permit has been published in the Federal Register and calls for actions by the regulated cities with significant cost implications which increase each subsequent year of the five year permit. It is clear that water quality concerns by both EPA and NHDES will force Dover and the other regulated communities to make substantial investments in our stormwater systems to reduce flooding and improve water quality in our streams, lakes and rivers.

An RFP was issued to identify a qualified consultant to assist the City of Dover in conducting a Stormwater Utility Feasibility study. Stearns and Wheler LLC an Environmental Engineering firm has been selected conduct the study. Stearns and Wheler's approach recognizes the feasibility study needs to be a public process which is inclusive. An Ad Hoc Stormwater Feasibility Study Committee will be established which has representation of the various stakeholders that will be affected by alternative funding strategies. A series of five facilitated meetings will guide the Committee through a process which examines alternative funding strategies and will result in a recommendation to the City Council on whether the establishment of a stormwater utility is right for Dover.



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