



## Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee

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## A Message from the Chair

Dear Friends of the Waterfront,

The waterfront project continues to move forward. The city council has approved the agreement with Union Studios for the conceptual design of the City's waterfront parcel. The design team has already begun its work, and we plan to have preliminary conceptual designs ready for presentation at our next CWDAC meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. We hope you can make this important meeting. We'll be sending out additional information closer to the meeting date.



**Jack Mettee**

As you may know, there have been some changes to the membership of CWDAC. Recently one of the original members of the committee, Steve Brewer, resigned upon a move to Raymond where Steve is now the head of the public works department. Steve was a very key member of the committee. He was active in both the 1996 and 2005 design charrettes for the waterfront and he was instrumental in helping the committee to prepare the design guidelines for waterfront development. He will surely be missed.

We have recently added two members to bring our total back to twelve (12) or full membership. First, was the addition of Matt Cox who attended his first meeting in

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To contact the committee, or to share comments, visit our contact form on the project [website here](#).

**Upcoming meetings:**

**Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee**

- The next meeting of CWDAC will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. Visit [www.dover.nh.gov](http://www.dover.nh.gov) for an updated meeting calendar.

**More Information**

For more information about the Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee and development of the City's waterfront property, or to contact the committee, visit the City of Dover's

November. A lawyer and lifelong Dover resident, Matt will bring a great perspective to the committee. Most recently, we have added Robbi Woodburn who currently resides in Dover and will bring her talent as a highly-regarded landscape architect in the Seacoast. Below are brief bios of each. Welcome to both new members.

Once again, thank you for your support of our efforts to develop our historic waterfront. We would like to hear from you about any thoughts or ideas you may have about redevelopment of the waterfront. Please contact me or any of the Committee members via the e-mail addresses provided in the newsletter.

On behalf of the Committee, have a joyous holiday season and we looking forward to seeing you on Jan. 19.

Your Chairman,

Jack Mettee

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## Waterfront Committee welcomes two new members

**Matt Cox**

Matt lives with his family in Dover where he has been a lifelong resident. He attended Dover public schools and currently works as an attorney with the Dover firm of Burns, Bryant, Cox, Rockefeller and Durkin. He is a member of the Maine and New Hampshire Bar associations and the NH Association for Justice.



**Matt Cox**

He has great interest in Dover's waterfront and was the chairman of the Waterfront Committee of the Chamber of Commerce several years ago. He looks forward to working with the committee and the city on the redevelopment of the Cochecho waterfront parcel.

**Robbi Woodburn**

Robbi has been a resident of the Seacoast for 21 years and currently resides with her family in Dover. A

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#### CWDAC Mission Statement

*" . . . [T]o provide a vibrant waterfront with public gathering places and access to the water, a place for people to live, meet, relax, encounter nature, conduct business and learn of Dover's past."*

professional landscape architect, she founded Woodburn & Company in 1994 where she has overseen a variety of project work including residential design as well as commercial, public, and institutional plans. Recent project work includes the Portsmouth African Burying Ground Memorial and Commemorative Park, the Shapleigh and Mitchell School Landscapes in Kittery, Maine, the Durham Public Library and the Jackson's Landing Master Plan also in Durham. She currently sits on the New Hampshire State Board of Landscape Architecture and is a regional representative to the Board of the Granite State Landscape Architects.



**Robbi Woodburn**

Robbi is familiar with the Cochecho waterfront project, having participated in the 1996 waterfront design charrette and with the Great Bay Rowing Club, which is currently using the waterfront as a site to launch the club's rowing shells.



### Missed the meeting? Catch it here

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee last met on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015.

To view the meeting online, [click here](#).

The meeting agenda and minutes, once completed, can be [viewed here](#).



- **March 28, 1768** - The selectmen were empowered to purchase a sufficient quantity of common land for landings on each side of the Cochecho River.
- **Aug. 25, 1800** - Selectmen voted to lay out and lease a tier of lots at Dover Landing for one year, and the proceeds go towards the purchase of an engine.
- **March 28, 1802** - Selectmen voted that William Hale, Joseph Smith and Mark Walker be a committee to examine Dover Landing and find a suitable place for building a slaughter house.
- **July 14, 1835** - Plato Waldron, aged about 56, drowned in the Cochecho, near the Landing. Plato was born a slave of Thomas Westbrook Waldron and was probably about the last member of the "peculiar institution" who lived and died in Dover. For many years previous to his death he was janitor of the Courts when in session in the old Court House.

Source: "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire" by George Wadleigh

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