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A Message from the Chair

Dear Friends of the Waterfront,

It has been several months since our last newsletter in April. But rest assured CWDAC has been very active, primarily with the selection process for a consulting design firm. The selected firm -- Union Studio -- will work with the City on the design and construction of the public infrastructure needed for private sector development of the waterfront site. These infrastructure projects will include shoreline stabilization, waterfront park design, extension of water and sewer and roadway construction.



Jack Mettee

In our last newsletter, we highlighted the presentation by Tim Paiva for the proposed 42,000-square-foot facility Jenny Thompson Aquatic Center at Maglaras Park. We also highlighted a presentation to CWDAC by Garry Bannon of the Recreation Department on the proposed temporary launch facility on the Cochecho River on the waterfront. Both of these projects are progressing and the city has applied for a federal grant to assist with the implementation of the launch facility.

Our next steps: Approval of Union Studio by the Dover Housing Authority as recommended by a CWDAC. Once approved, city staff and members of CWDAC will work with Union Studio to draw up a contract for design and

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Upcoming meetings:

Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee

- The next meeting of CWDAC has not been scheduled. Visit 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 [waterfront development page here](#).

permitting services. It is projected that the final contract will be approved by mid-September.

Thank you again 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.

Your Chairman,



Jack Mettee



UNION STUDIO
ARCHITECTURE & COMMUNITY DESIGN

CWDAC recommends Union Studio for waterfront design services

At their last meeting on July 14, 2015, CDWAC recommended the selection of Union Studio to the Dover Housing Authority (DHA) for design services for the development of the Cochecho waterfront site. With the approval of DHA, city staff and members of CWDAC will work with Union Station on a detailed work program, project schedule and budget for design and permitting services for the waterfront. It is envisioned that these services will include:

- An overall conceptual master plan for the waterfront;
- Design of a waterfront park -- the design of this park will incorporate the needs of the recreation department for public launch facility;
- Design for shoreline stabilization that will complement the park design;
- Design of public infrastructure to support private sector development such as water, sewer and

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roadway(s) and;

- A program for hazardous waste management.

The Consultant Selection Committee of CWDAC originally received proposals from eight firms, four of which were selected for interviews. The Committee selected Union Studio in large part because of its extensive experience with similar waterfront projects. In addition, the team demonstrated an ability to work in a coordinated fashion with the varying team experts each of whom would be responsible for particular disciplines such as land planning, civil engineering, and landscape architecture.

The team also demonstrated its ability to incorporate the public in a meaningful way as it progressed through its various projects. Finally, Union Studio had extremely positive references from communities that engaged them to undertake similar projects.

Once the final agreement is reached with Union Studio, CWDAC and the DHA will recommend that the Dover City Council approve the funding. We expect that this will occur in mid-September. Once approved by the Council, work on waterfront planning in earnest will begin.



Missed the meeting? Catch it here

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee last met on Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

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

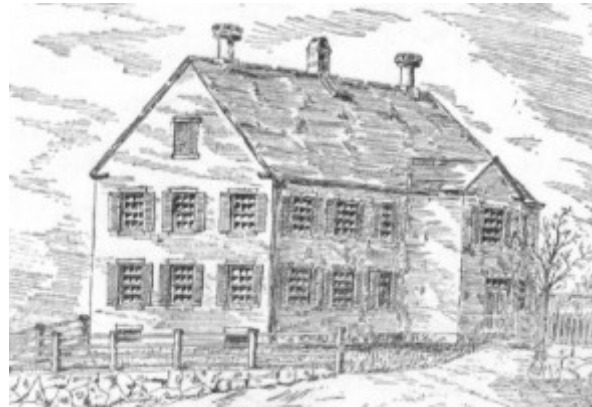
The meeting agenda and minutes can be [viewed here](#).



Schoolhouse once served residents of 'The Landing'

The Landing refers to the land north of the Cocheco River. By the early 1800s it was a bustling place, the center of business for Dover. The Cocheco River allowed passage of ships that drew as much as 17 feet of water all the way to the Landing. This made the Landing an ideal docking area; ships could come and pick up goods produced in Dover (mostly agricultural) and drop off foreign good obtained in trade.

In 1810, a single-story, 35-foot by 40-foot wooden structure was built to serve as the Landing School. It was a single room with sloping floors and seven rows of long seats, with an large open fire place on the west side. It was used until 1828 when officials decided to build a brick school which became known as the Sherman School.



The Landing School

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