City manager presents FY2020 proposed budget to City Council

City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. presented the fiscal year 2020 proposed budget to the City Council during a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

In the coming weeks, the City Council will hold additional budget meetings, workshops and public hearings, all leading up to the City Council's vote on the budget in May.

The proposed budget can be viewed online at the city's {FY2020 budget online resource here}. Hard copies are also available.
Meetings this week:

City Council, April 3, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a budget workshop on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Rezoning Committee, April 4, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board’s Rezoning Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2019, beginning at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

Downtown street and sidewalk sweeping under way

City of Dover Community Services crews began downtown street and sidewalk sweeping operations this week. This initial street and sidewalk sweeping will occur during the day, in the downtown area only, between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The work may affect some on-street parking.

Citywide spring street sweeping will begin in April and will consist of two consecutive eight-hour shifts throughout the day.

Citywide street sweeping is expected to be complete prior to the end of June.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.
Committee seeks public input on rezoning options

On Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7 p.m., the City of Dover invites residents, property and business owners to meet with the committee reviewing potential rezoning that promotes economic development and improved quality of life in Dover. This is a follow up to an earlier public hearing held by the committee in January.

After reviewing transportation corridors and existing infrastructure, the committee has developed potential recommendations to present to the Planning Board. At its December 2018 meeting, the committee decided that prior to presenting a final report, it would invite the public to attend the Jan. 17 meeting to offer comments and proposals.

At that meeting, a dozen residents attended and offered feedback on how they’d like to see Dover develop in the future, including focusing on areas the City has made significant infrastructure investment, the need for a mix of uses and continued support for walkable, bikable and transit oriented uses. Discussion included a review of how much of the city was zoned residential and how much of Dover’s land area is conserved.

Similar to January’s meeting, this meeting, held in Council Chambers at City Hall, and broadcast over Channel 22, will begin with an open invitation to those in attendance to help design the ideal zoning map in Dover. A map of the city with basic utilities and roadway networks will be displayed and those in attendance will have the opportunity to comment on where they would like to see residential and non-residential zones.

According to Dan Barufaldi, Dover’s Economic Development Director, evaluating Dover’s zoning is important to its future viability.

"Dover needs to continue to preserve the continued job growth viability of Dover for the next several decades," Barufaldi said. Barufaldi has spoken previously about the need to be a job center as well as a place to raise a family. "We want to be vibrant and accessible to all age brackets and demographics, and work to maintain our diversity. We stand first in New Hampshire and want to maintain that position."
Planning and Economic Development staff will be on hand to review portions of the city's Master Plan related to zoning and provide guidance, but staff will not direct the conversation. In January, Scott Johnson, chair of the committee, noted, "We have worked over the past year, in an open forum, to review Dover and how it might continue to grow. While we have had feedback along the way, we want to hear from the community at large and see if we missed something."

This session is a further opportunity for the public to contribute to this project.

Christopher Parker, Dover's Assistant City Manager who oversees planning activities looks forward to the feedback.

"Dover operates strategically," Parker said. "Zoning changes are among the most important strategies we have for long term growth and vibrancy. At the same time they are some of the toughest decisions staff and policy makers make. These decisions are not made lightly. The more input people can give, the more information decision makers have when choosing a path."

After the public has an opportunity to present ideas, the Committee will review its draft recommendations, and the feedback provided in January. Finally, those present will be invited to provide additional feedback.

After this meeting, the committee will meet again and make final recommendations to be included in a report to the Planning Board. The report will detail a list of short-, medium- and long-range recommendations for consideration. Each recommendation will include a map of the area proposed for rezoning, a basic recommendation for changing the zoning district, and an explanation of the rationale for the change. Finally, staff opinions on the effects of the change will be included. This report would be made available in the Planning Office, Economic Development Office and online.

Upon receiving the report, the Planning Board can choose which recommendations to pursue and in what timeline. Recommendations are reviewed in a thoughtful and community driven process. Similar to proposals in 2017 and 2018, city staff will develop reports on a review of infrastructure, a build-out analysis, potential traffic impacts, and a review of environmental constraints. Upon review of this material, as well as extensive public comment, the Planning Board can then act to adopt or reject proposals. If adopted, the proposals would then be forwarded to the City Council for ratification. According to Parker, this process usually takes six months.

The rezoning committee appointed by the Planning Board on Jan. 23, 2018 is Lee Skinner, Planning Board; City Councilor Marcia Gasses; Scott Johnson, DBIDA; Sean O'Connell, representing the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce; School Board member Zachary Koehler; and
Chris Wyskiel, a resident of Dover. The goals of the committee are to objectively review the community without preconceived notions of what may or may not be recommended.

The draft recommendations are available online here.

For more information, please contact the Economic Development Office at 516-6043, or the Planning Office at 516-6008.

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Dover Open Lands Committee conducts easement monitoring

One of the most important responsibilities of the Dover Open Lands Committee is monitoring properties on which the City holds conservation easements. The purpose of the monitoring is to confirm conservation easement provisions are upheld and the land maintains the conservation values that made it worthy of protection.

Volunteers from the Open Lands Committee, in conjunction with City staff, conduct the monitoring. Sometimes members of the Conservation Commission also assist. Monitoring activities include reviewing the easement deeds and maps before the visit, walking the property (sometimes with the landowner if available), taking photographs of the conditions and then preparing a written report to document the visit.

In 2018, the Open Lands Committee monitored and completed reports for 21 out of 45 total properties. The city provides the monitoring report to the landowner and any public agency with a role in protecting the property.

Since its inception in 2000, the Open Lands Committee has worked with the Conservation Commission to help
conserve more than 830 acres of conservation land in Dover, leveraging over $5.8 million in state and federal grant funding. In addition, the OLC holds workshops and tours of conservation lands that are open to the public. To receive updates about upcoming events, follow the Open Lands Committee on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DoverOpenLandsCommittee/.

If interested in becoming a member or for more information about the Open Lands Committee, call the Planning Department at 603-516-6008 or e-mail Steve Bird at s.bird@dover.nh.gov.

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Dover Chamber to host
State of the City April 9

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the annual state of the city on Tuesday, April 9, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the McConnell Center Cafe.

Hear city leaders discuss their vision for the future and priorities for the upcoming year. This year’s speakers are City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Superintendent of Schools William Harbron, City Planner Steve Bird and Library Director Cathleen Beaudoin.

A question-and-answer session will follow the remarks.

The cost of the event is $15 and is open to the public.

The Chamber encourages those interested in attending to register in advance at http://www.dovernh.org/economy. Registration is required.

The program is sponsored by Eversource.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 603-742-2218, or visit www.dovernh.org.
Town Hall meeting aims to help break chain of addiction

Alcohol and other drug use among our nation's youth is a significant public health and economic problem. In New Hampshire, underage alcohol use is the number one youth drug-problem and is six times more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined.

In an effort to curb underage alcohol problems, over 600 communities across the country are organizing a nationwide series of town hall-style meetings. Nine of these sessions will be held in New Hampshire. Locally, the Dover Coalition for Youth and Dover Police Department will hold one in Dover.

The meeting will take place at the McConnell Center Café in Dover at 6 p.m. on April 3. Snacks and dessert will be provided before the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The event is open to participants from all sectors of the community to both attend and share ideas. Free childcare will be available for parents interested in attending that have young children.

The meeting is intended to increase understanding of the risks associated with underage drinking and youth substance abuse, as well as to encourage the community, families and individuals to address the problem in Dover and the surrounding area.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is sponsoring this national initiative, with the goal that these meetings will generate energy and leverage action leading into the month of April, which is National Alcohol Awareness Month.

The Dover Coalition for Youth community organization tasked with improving the quality of life in Dover for youth and families by preventing the harm caused by substance abuse. The Coalition is the means by which we hope to bring all of the elements of the community together to take on underage drinking, marijuana and prescription drug abuse. The Coalition is supported by the Dover Police
Stay up to date on city's infrastructure improvement projects

The City of Dover's Community Services Department is responsible for many of the day-to-day services residents depend on, including streets and sidewalks, recycling and trash pick-up, the drinking water system and wells, wastewater treatment, project engineering, environmental management, and much more.

The department has more than a dozen projects planned this year that will improve roads, sidewalks, water drainage and water supply including: Belknap Street and Elm Street neighborhood reconstruction project; the Broadway railroad culvert; Cocheco Street pump station replacement; inflow and infiltration; intersection reconstruction at Sixth Street and Venture Drive; Roberts Road Reconstruction; Shaw's Lane well development; Spur Road reconstruction; stormwater asset management; Varney Brook pump station; and the Whittier Street sidewalk.

Residents can learn more about these projects, as well as find updates, on the Dover Community Services website here: https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/community-services/current-projects/index.html.

For questions about current projects, please contact Community Services at 516-6450.

GREEN WAVE DISPATCH

News from Dover's public schools

Catch up with the superintendent over coffee
A Community Coffee with Dover Superintendent of Schools William Harbron will be held on Saturday, March 30, at 9 a.m. at Dover High School's Gourmet Table.

Coffee with the Superintendent is open to all and provides an opportunity for discussion on any school matter of interest.

For more information, contact the Dover School District at 603-516-6800.

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Dover public schools seeking volunteers and chaperones

The Dover School District is currently seeking volunteers and chaperones. If you are interested in applying, please contact Addison Russell at the SAU Office at 516-6241 or email at addison.russell@dover.k12.nh.us to schedule an appointment.

The law requires that all volunteers and chaperones complete a criminal record check. This process will take approximately 15 minutes.

Please bring a photo ID and a check for $21.25 made payable to State of NH - Criminal Records. If your student is part of the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, the Dover School District will cover the cost of the Criminal Record Check.

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Dover Middle School Drama Club presents

Dover High School
April 4-7, 2019
Adults: $6; Children: $4

Reserved seating ticket sales at: showtix4u.com/events/16032
The Dover Middle School Drama Club will perform "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Jr." beginning next week.

Tickets are $6 for adults, $4 for children. The show takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 4 through Saturday, April 6, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 7. Choose your seats by purchasing tickets online at https://www.showtix4u.com/events/16032.

All shows are held at Dover High School.

Catch a preview of the production on Dover's Education Channel, Channel 95.

For more information, call 603-516-7200.

Dover High School Regional Career and Technical Center now has a 2014 Ford Fusion to work on and learn with thanks to a donation from Bill Dube Ford/Toyota through Ford Motor Company's Automotive Career Exploration (ACE) Program.

Automotive technology students will have the chance to diagnose problems and perform repairs on a modern vehicle.

"It gives them the opportunity to see a vehicle with a lot of technology in it," said Keith Austin, automotive technology instructor at the school.

Lisa Danley, Director of the Career Technical Center, said these type of donations allow the students to move from the theoretical realm to the practical, hands-on realm of repairs.

"Our program thrives on donations like this," she said.
The intent of Ford's ACE Program is to raise awareness and increase interest in career opportunities within the automotive industry. Students who pursue such careers can have a good foundation through the program.

"We're helping to build relationships between schools and dealerships," said Michael McLean, Ford field service engineer.

Bill Dube Service Manager Ian Cavanaugh delivered the Fusion to the high school on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

"We're very excited to help the students gain access to newer technology to move their educational experience forward," he said.

For more information, visit www.dover.k12.nh.us.

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**Coming up in Dover schools**

**Tuesday, April 2, 4:30 p.m., McConnell Center, Superintendent's Conference Room**
Dover High School Joint Building Committee Meeting

**Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m., McConnell Center, Room 306**
School Board Meeting

**Tuesday, April 9, 4:30 p.m., McConnell Center, Superintendent's Conference Room**
Garrison Elementary School Joint Building Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, April 16, 4:30 p.m., McConnell Center, Superintendent's Conference Room**
Dover High School Joint Building Committee Meeting

**Monday, April 22 through Friday, April 26, No School**
Spring Break

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This week in **DOVER HISTORY**

The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the
April 2, 1666 - The selectmen were requested to "take any opportunity to treat with the selectmen of Portsmouth about the affairs of the country, and what they shall see useful for us, to present at the next town meeting." The selectmen with a committee of citizens were also requested to "draw up something in writing to present at the next town meeting concerning the right of commonage and other things concerning the town affairs." William Pomfrett was requested to give Rev. Mr. Rayner an order for the rents due from the mills towards his salary, and also to Elder Wentworth an order for 15 Pounds for his pains at Cochecho the last winter."

March 30, 1677 - Indians being discovered in the woods, Major Waldron sent out eight of the Indians in his employ, one of whom was called Blind Will, to obtain further information in relation to them. Those sent out were all surprised together, by a company of Mohawks; two or three escaped, the others were either killed or taken. Blind Will was dragged away by his hair, and being wounded, perished in the woods on a neck of land formed by the confluence of Cochecho and Isinglass rivers, which still bears the name of Blind Will's Neck.

April 3, 1695 - The inhabitants of Dover and Oyster river having been at the charge of subsisting the soldiers sent from Massachusetts for the protection of the frontiers, the Provincial Council directed the Treasurer to give orders to the respective constables of those places to forbear collecting taxes from such persons as had been thus charged.

March 31, 1760 - At a public town meeting held at the old meeting house on Pine Hill, it was voted that there be no more schools for the year ensuing than by law is required. A committee was appointed to settle the lines between Dover and Barrington and empowered to prosecute or petition to the General Assembly if needful and carry on the same to a final issue. (This appears to have been the last "public town meeting held at the old meeting house on Pine Hill.")

March 29, 1784 - The first election of State Officers by the people took place this year, and at a legal meeting held at Dover this 29th day of March the Hon. Meshech Weare received 155 votes for President, General Sullivan 11, and Wiseman Clagett 2.
Give Peeps a Chance; Enter the Peeps Show at Dover Public Library

How sweet it is! Spring brings blue skies, green grass, and bright yellow Peeps. The Dover Public Library is looking for creative Dover Peeps artists to enter our annual "Peeps Show" Contest this April.

Here’s how it works: Build a diorama using Peeps of any color or species in a standard size shoe box, no larger than 16 inches by 16 inches please. Create your diorama based on a scene from a book. The first ten entries will receive a free plush Peep chick.

Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to enter the Kids Division, and ages 7 to 10 may enter in the Youth Division. Peep Artists 11 to 16 years old may enter the Teen Division, while those 17 or older are invited to compete in the Adult Division. On the back of your shoe box, please include your name, address, phone number, and title of your "Peeps Show". All Peeps displays may be dropped off at the Dover Public Library beginning Monday, April 8 through Saturday, April 20. The winner of each division will receive a $25 Target gift card, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Prizes will be awarded on Monday afternoon, April 22. Peeps should be picked up by 5pm on Saturday, April 27. All Peeps not picked up by the deadline will be discarded or eaten.
If Marshmallow Peeps are not your thing, learn how to needle felt by making an adorable Peep Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Needle felted peeps have no sugar, don't get stale, and don't attract ants. This craft is simple and fun. We will use wool roving to create our peeps. (Roving is the result of cleaning and carding the wool from a sheep so that all of the fibers are laying in one direction. Roving is spun into yard or used in felting.) All supplies are provided. This craft uses very sharp needles, so it is limited to adults and high school students.

For more information, call the Dover Public Library at 516-6050.

Blues harmonica player Cheryl Arena to perform at the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library is celebrating National Library Week with a rocking live blues concert co-sponsored with the Granite State Blues Society on Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. Join us for an evening of blues harp featuring one of the world’s great harmonica players, Cheryl Arena. Hailing from Boston, Cheryl has played harmonica for 30 plus years and her music has been influenced by many of the greats. Cheryl has earned the distinction for being the "most outstanding harmonica player" by the Blues Audience Newsletter in 2009, 2013 and 2015.

Come hear Cheryl tell stories and play the music of Sonny Boy Williamson II, Little Walter, James Cotton and, of course, her own music. It will be the most fun history lesson you’ve ever experienced. The show is co-sponsored by the Granite State Blues Society, a non-profit organization whose mission is to celebrate blues performance, and expand awareness of the blues as a uniquely American art form in the state of New Hampshire, in order to preserve our country’s blues heritage.


The program is free and open to the public.

For more information call the Library at 603-516-6050.
**This Week at The Library**

**Tuesday, March 12 - April 16, All Day**

**17th Annual Poetry Contest**
The 17th Annual Dover Public Library Poetry contest for grades K-12. Prizes will be awarded in six different categories: Grades K-2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8, 9 & 10, and 11 &12. Poems will be judged on originality, style and creativity. Deadline for entry is April 16th. Students may pick up information about the contest at the Dover Public Library, any Dover school library, or at our website at [www.library.dover.nh.gov](http://www.library.dover.nh.gov). All participants are invited to attend an "Evening of Poetry" on Monday, May 20th at 6:30pm; refreshments will be served. Students are invited to read their poetry at this event, but this will be purely voluntary. For more information about the contest please contact Denise LaFrance at 516-6082.

**Saturday, March 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Lego Saturday in the Children’s Room**
Imagine, create and build with Legos and/or Duplos. Drop-in anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet old friends and make new ones as you work on building challenges.

**Saturday, March 30, 2 to 4:30 p.m.**

**Saturday Matinee in the Lecture Hall**
Spider-Man: Into the Spider Verse: Teen Miles Morales becomes Spider-Man of his reality, crossing his path with five counterparts from other dimensions to stop a threat for all realities.

**Sunday, March 31, 2 to 4 p.m.**

**Classic Cinema Sunday in the Lecture Hall**
Lust for Life (1956): A bio-drama of the troubled artist Vincent Van Gogh, from his first paintings to his death, starring Kirk Douglas and Anthony Quinn.

**Monday, April 1, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.**

**Preschool Storytime in the Storytime Room**
Children ages 3-5 are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets. Crafts and films are also offered several times each session.

**Monday, April 1, 6 to 8 p.m.**

**Organic Gardening with Vince in the Lecture Hall**
Free 3 week organic gardening series with Master Gardener Vince Cirasole. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

**Tuesday, April 2, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

**Preschool Storytime in the Storytime Room**
Children ages 3-5 are invited to attend this program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets. Crafts and films are also offered several times each session.

**Wednesday, April 3, 10 to 10:45 a.m.**

**Family Storytime in the Lecture Hall**
Kids of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join for a family storytime. Books, songs, rhymes, games and activities are all part of the fun.
Thursday, April 4, 10 to 11 a.m.
Morning Book Group in the Trustees Room
Join the book group to discuss "In a dark, dark wood" by Ruth Ware. Copies of the book are available at the Library.

Thursday, April 4, 10 to 10:45 a.m.
Toddler Storytime in the Storytime Room
Toddlers and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend a 45 minute program which includes stories, fingerplays, songs, puppets, and crafts. These storytimes are intended for toddler and parent/caregiver to share one-on-one.

Friday, April 5, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Mother Goose on the Loose in the Lecture Hall
Parents/caregivers are invited to join with their babies for a 1/2 hour early learning program specifically designed for children from birth to 24 months. Mother Goose on the Loose uses books, rhymes, songs, musical instruments, finger plays, flannel board characters, puppets and other props to help parents/caregivers develop the child's early literacy skills in a fun and joyful environment.

Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Lego Saturday in the Children’s Room
Imagine, create and build with Legos and/or Duplos. Drop-in anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to meet old friends and make new ones as you work on building challenges.

Saturday, April 6, 2 to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday Matinee in the Lecture Hall
Mary Poppins Returns: Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives.

Coming up at the Dover Community Senior Center

Monday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
A Garden for Pollinators & Wildlife at the Dover Senior Center
Do you want to attract butterflies, birds, bees and other
Did you know that the landscaping in your yard could be habitat for wildlife? The Speaking for Wildlife program will provide insights on ways to attract pollinators, like butterflies, as well as songbirds, mammals, and even mysterious amphibians such as red-backed salamanders to your backyard. Discussion will include choosing plants, gardening techniques, wildlife and habitats, use of native plants, and issues such as invasive plants. Presentation includes interactive Q&A, handouts and other helpful materials. RSVP to Linda at 516-6420. This event is free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**
Red Sox vs. White Sox (1:05 game)

Includes bus trip, driver gratuity, and 3rd base grandstand seats. The bus leaves at 10 a.m. from the Park and Ride lot next to the Jenny Thompson Outdoor Pool and returns following the game. $110 members / $120 not yet members. For more information or to register, call Linda at 516-6420.

**Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 18 - 20, 2019**
Bar Harbor, Maine

Join the Dover Senior Center for this 3 day, two night trip to Bar Harbor, Maine and stay at the Deluxe Acadia Inn. Trip includes a tour of Bar Harbor and Mt Desert Island, a narrated tour of Acadia National Park, Lobster Bake, four meals (2B, 1L, 1D), and a visit to the Freeport outlets. View the flyer [here](#). $390/pp double - add $30 for not yet members. For more information, call Linda at 516-6420.

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The City of Dover was recently accepted into the AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Working in conjunction with the World Health Organization, this network targets improvements in eight domains that influence the health and quality of life in the city for every age. The first step in this important initiative is to conduct an assessment of needs.

Dover residents are asked to answer this online survey to help the city better understand expectations of Dover as an age-friendly community.
The anonymous survey will require about 15 minutes to complete.

To access the survey, visit https://conta.cc/2TT7ZTq.

For more information, contact the Office of Economic Development at (603) 516-6043.

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**CITY OF DOVER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements, project newsletters and updates

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? Sign up now to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, click here. An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

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**City of Dover employment opportunities**

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

The City of Dover is now seeking applications the following positions:

- City Attorney
- Bookkeeper, Utility Billing

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, click here.

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**Missed the meeting? Catch it again online**

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.
Simply visit www.dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.