

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee
Meeting of December 21, 2011

Members Present: Clare Graham, Chair
Shelley Poulsen, Vice Chair
Ellen Williamson
Lauren Balk (arrived at 8:05AM)
Robyn Hunter (left at 8:25AM)
Richard Robinson, remotely via telephone @ 8:05AM

Also Present: Valerie Spriggs, Superintendent
Steven Bliss, Assistant Superintendent
Christine Tague, Business Administrator

1. Call to Order

Ms. Graham called the meeting to order at 8:00AM in the Dover Sherborn Administration Building Conference Room.

Ms. Poulsen made a motion for the Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee to approve remote participation in Regional School Committee meetings per Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. Seconded by Ms. Hunter

VOTE: 4 – 0 Unanimous (Ms. Balk and Mr. Robinson not present at time of the vote).

Ms. Graham announced that Mr. Robinson will remotely participate in this meeting due to personal illness.

2. Wastewater Treatment Facility

Ms. Spriggs reviewed the December 8, 2011 letter received from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding the Performance Report of November 30, 2011 on the Phase 1a upgrades recently completed. Sampling data in the report indicates that satisfactory nitrification of the wastewater is occurring, but that the denitrification process is insufficient to meet the effluent limits for nitrate and total nitrogen in the groundwater discharge permit. DEP's December letter states that "in order to address persistent violations of the effluent limits of the Groundwater discharge permit, the Phase 1b work must proceed, and construction of the Anoxic Moving Bed Reactor must be complete on or before February 28, 2012."

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to proceed with Phase 1b, to be completed by February 28, 2012 in accordance with the December 8, 2011 DEP letter, pending confirmation from DEP that a Title V waiver cannot be granted. Ms. Graham seconded.

VOTE (voice vote taken): Ms. Graham – yes; Ms. Poulsen – yes; Ms. Hunter – yes; Ms. Balk – yes; Mr. Robinson – yes; Ms. Williamson – yes 6 – 0 Unanimous

There was discussion that there should be no start-up costs incurred with Phase 1b.

3. Adjournment

Ms. Poulsen made a motion to adjourn at 8:30PM. Ms. Balk seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5 – 0, Ms. Hunter left meeting at 8:25AM)

Respectfully Submitted,
Ellen Williamson