CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE FY2015 Proposed Budget

Planning and Community Development

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What is Planning and Community Development?





Organization Chart



Department total: 4.45 FTE paid by the General Fund (1.5% of total staff)



Innovations

 Reduction from three to two City Planners
 Created "working foreman" management style
 Further reclassification in 2011 created "assistant"

Placed the cost of development on the developer.

- Made applications and land use information available online for users to download.
- Placed plans online for abutters to review
- Heavy use on social media and electronic communications
- Added part time clerk for minutes, reducing overtime



Outcomes

- Eliminated participation in GIS Program
- Reduction in transportation projects
- Reduction in Planning Board meetings
- Reduction in un-specified projects
- Reduction of dues paid to Strafford Regional Planning
- Reduction in Master Plan activities



Work Plans

Reviewed hours in a year (2080)
Developed actual work hours (1712)
Reviewed activities by hour of staff
Used calendar to track on 30 minute basis
Documented tasks
One time
Ongoing
No Customer Service task



Myths/Reality

- Myth
 - Less activity
 - Less developable land
 - Online info decreases office visits
 - Passive mood

- Reality
 - Submission uptick
 - Plans requires more review and scrutiny
 - Increased awareness increases activity
 - Zoning enforcement



Planning Core Services

- Strategic Planning
- Board Support
- CDBG Admin
- (Proactive) Code Amendment
- Community Trail
- NH Rail Transit Authority
- File Conversion/Maintenance
- Waterfront
- CIP Oversight/Coordination
- Grant Administration
- Impact Fees
- Management

- Master Plan
- Conservation
- Plan Review
- Public Relations
- TAC Projects
- TIP Admin
- Transportation Center
- Digital Archives
- Zoning Review
- Special Projects
- Sustainability work



Special Projects - Past

- Alder Lane Development
- Chestnut Street
- Children's Museum
- City Hall Space Needs
- Courthouse Retention
- Enterprise Park
- Henry Law Park
 Riverwalk

- Makem Bridge Oversight
- McConnell Center
- Pedestrian Bridge
- Transportation Center
- School Redistricting
- Sixth Street Development
- Weeks Circle/Crossing
- Willand Pond



Special Projects – Ongoing/Present

- CIP Development
- City Hall Reallocation
- Community Trail
- COAST
- Downeaster
- Infill Redevelopment
- Main Street
- Master Plan work

- PD/Parking Garage
- Rezoning
- Strategic Management (Baldrige)
- TIF Deployment
- Transportation Center Management
- Waterfront Redevelopment



Community Development Core Tasks

• Develop City's 5 year "Consolidated Plan" • Develop 1 year "Action Plan", use of funds. •Administer Housing and Economic Loan Programs •Assure compliance with HUD, regulations including: Federal Statutes, Federal Labor Standards and Davis Bacon Wages, Environmental Review and Request for Release of Funds, Citizen's Participation. •Act as liaison between the Planning Board and grant applicants. • File Compliance Reports to HUD and DOL

Cash management and IDIS drawdown.



Community Development Projects

Administration of DELP program
Housing Rehabilitation.
Sub-recipient Monitoring.
Set up activities and projects in Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS).
Oversight of Energy Infrastructure Upgrades and Grants





Management Analysist Increase data collection and development Impact fee updates Master Plan data Assistance with preparation of CIP Data gathering and coordination Public Outreach and Education •Web site work Press releases Strafford Regional Planning Dues Federal Transportation grants penalization Increased regional presence



Questions

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