



June 14, 2023 – In-person & zoom Meeting, 12:15

President Megan welcomed everyone to The Rotary Club of Dover NH and thanked Marion and Harry C. for picking up lunch.

Program – Gretchen Young, Professional Engineer and Environmental Projects Manager for the City of Dover: Storm Water & Flood Resilience Plan

***Bio:** Gretchen Young earned a master’s degree in environmental/water resources engineering from Norwich University and a bachelor’s degree from the University of New Hampshire. She was recognized by the Gulf of Maine Council on Marine Environment with the New Hampshire Visionary award for her work advancing municipal efforts toward improving water quality. She resides in Dover and is proud to be part of the team working toward securing sustainable and equitable funding for stormwater and flood resilience.*

Gretchen presented a proposal currently under consideration in Dover for storm water and flood resilience. Dover’s current population is 33,000 residents and growing. It covers an area of 29 square miles and has 265 land miles along its bodies of water including rivers and the Great Bay. Driving the proposal is an approach to best practices regarding stormwater and flood resilience. The committee has included in its consideration all rivers, lakes, streams, brooks, and bays as well as natural occurrences such as flooding, rainwater, storms, and ground permeability.

SAFE is the acronym that has guided the work of the committee. Secure funding streams; Adequate funding for the management of the commission; Fair treatment of individuals and property owners; and Equitable sharing of costs. A key to the proposal has been to develop a system of payment for the management based on ground permeability. Ground that is developed or covered by impermeable surfaces is more susceptible to water run-off, chemicals washing into the water bodies and excess strain on stormwater systems. Currently, the costs associated with stormwater management are borne by taxpayers based on valuation. The new approach could mean a decrease in costs for the homeowner and increased costs for larger buildings, parking lots and non-profits.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

June 21: Dover Changeover

June 28: Classification: David B. and Brian H.

July 5: No Meeting

July 12: DG official visit

July 19: Classification: Steve P. and Montana F.

Events:

June 24: District Changeover 11-2, Westbrook

June 24: Gundalow Trip, 6:30

Pledge: Jerry D.

4-Way Test: Steve P.

Guests: Gretchen Young, John Storer, Dennis Shanahan, Kevin Quigley

Today’s newsletter authored by Gregg D.

The city is required to meet standards set by the EPA regarding excess nitrogen entering water bodies and bacteria plumes caused by run-off to bodies of water. Therefore, a commission to manage and control stormwater is critical. Additionally, Dover must address an underground system for stormwater and sewerage management that is over 100 years old in many areas. Seawater rise is another factor the commission must address and consider for the future.

Several questions were raised by the members regarding time frames for adoption, porous vs. non-porous groundcover, fertilizers contributing to the problem, and process for challenging assessed fees.

Gretchen was joined by Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan and Public Services Director John Strorer.

Announcements:

DOVER 400 Parade: Marion C. asked members to consider volunteering for the Dover 400 Parade to help distribute children's books along the parade route. We will be using the Traveling Tales Van, recently refurbished by Dover Rotary as a base of operations along the route. The parade is scheduled for **3:00 PM on Sunday, July 2nd** and will be gathering at the Chamber of Commerce office on Central Avenue.

Durham Great Bay Rotary Summerfest: Saturday, June 17 at UNH Boulder Field Noon- 6:00 PM. Dover Rotarians are invited to join the festivities and any help would be greatly appreciated.

International Café: The final café of the year will be held remotely on Saturday, June 17th, from 9:30-11:00 AM. Topics include Youth Exchange in District 7780, Basic Education and Literacy Global grant in Uganda, and Aquaponics for Youth Leadership Global Grant in Columbia. You can access the café through District 7780 website to join this zoom meeting.

Gundalow Cruise: Beth F. announced there are 12 tickets left for the Gundalow Cruise to be held on **Saturday, June 24th at 6:00 PM**. Tickets are now on sale for the general public, so if you wish to go, please let Beth know asap.

District Changeover: Marion Cheney will be accepting the gavel from Claudia Frost as our new District Governor on Saturday, June 24th at 11:00 AM, 76 Sawyer Road, Westbrook, ME. This is quite an honor for Marion and for Dover Rotary. We will be carpooling to the event and will leave Gregg D's house at 31 Bittersweet Lane, S. Berwick if you would like to join us. The event is no charge, and we urge you to join us to welcome Marion to her Governorship.

District Celebration: Dover Rotary was recognized at the recent District celebration held on Bailey Island this past weekend. We successfully completed the Imagine Polio Challenge and as a result have been awarded a Paul Harris fellowship to be presented to a Rotarian at our discretion.

Dover Adult Learning: Graduation will be held this Tuesday and Dover Rotary will be awarding a scholarship to a deserving recipient. Megan has asked anyone who can attend to contact her to present the award.

Happy Dollars:

Kathy F. for the District Celebration and for her upcoming concert this Saturday.

Marion C. for an amazing trip to Rotary international Convention in Melbourne, Australia. She will have much more to tell us about this adventure in coming meetings.

Jay S. for successfully reaching 50 years of marriage and a thank you to Gretchen for her presentation.

Nancy B. for a present from her family recognizing her 7th great grandmother removed who was hanged as a witch during the Salem Witch Trials.

Doug L. for Flag Day and for Gretchen's presentation.

Raffle: Steve P. drew the chance at the Ace of Spades but no luck!

June Birthdays:

Jim V. Jun 01

Mike B. Jun 15

Kathy F. Jun 24

Cindy I. Jun 28

June Anniversaries:

Sheila T. 6 years

Phil R. 39 years

Rebecca J. 7 years