



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – FOREST MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: **1st Floor Conference Room** - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, March 2, 2020
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows, Rick Schnable, Robert Atwood, Amy Kramer-Perry

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner); John Storer (Community Services)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Kramer-Perry motioned to approve the 01/29/20 minutes, Schnable seconded. Vote: 4 in favor

3. REVIEW UPDATED FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN PREPARED BY TIM NOLIN

Bird: Nolin updated the plan to include additional parcel in Madbury. I have copies here tonight. Bird reviewed the changes to the plan and is looking for any additional comments or corrections so the plan can be finalized.

Discussed what the costs would be for a timber harvest. Could still do stand improvements to improve the forest health and create improved wildlife habitat. Building access roads is a significant expense. Recreational trails to access the reservoir would be nice, with some viewing platforms. Try to reclaim the land for some public benefit. We need to take a long term view of the forest management objectives.

Storer: You could do a timber harvest by going out to bid to hire a logger or have the forester hire a logger that he is comfortable with. You need to find out what Nolin would charge for management fees.

4. DISCUSS SCHEDULING MEETING WITH CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL

Consensus was that the plan was ready to present to the Conservation Commission and City Council.

Discussed updating the Conservation Commission on March 9th on the report. City Council presentation could be a workshop or regular meeting, including Nolin presentation. We will put the maps and tables up on TV.

5. DISCUSS FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR OTHER CITY PARCELS – SMITH WELL

Bird: Nolin prepared an unsolicited proposal to Bill Boulanger of Community Services for a timber harvest for the Smith Well parcel. Storer sent it to me to make sure this committee was made aware.

Storer: We would have to find out how the parcels were acquired because the water system is an enterprise fund so revenues may have to back to the water fund. We should have Legal do some title research.

6. DISCUS DOWNTOWN STREET TREE RFP BEING PREPARED BY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPT.

Storer: We are trying to locate funding to plant more street trees. RFP is ready to go but not until funding is identified. Looking for support for street trees in downtown.

Discussed using the Conservation Fund for street trees if that is permitted. Should discuss with OLC first. Plant in high visibility sites first. We should get some pictures of volunteers planting trees for public relations.

Schnable will check with AJ Dupere about his offer of trees.

7. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Committee set Wednesday, April 1 at 5:30 pm as the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Fellows declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.