



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Second Floor Conference Room – 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, January 11, 2021
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair)

MEMBERS REMOTE: Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Robert Atwood (Secretary), Richard Erickson, Amy Kramer-Perry, Jason Aube, Abigail Lyon, Kristen Murphy (Alternate), Bruce Batchelder (Alternate)

Absent (Excused):

Absent (Un-excused):

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird

OTHERS PRESENT: Lindsey Williams (Council Liaison) (remotely), Steve Riker (remotely)

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM.

Bill Hunt opened the meeting and read the following statement:

I find an ‘emergency’ exists within the meaning of RSA 91-A:2, III(b). Immediate action is imperative and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action. The facts on which my finding of an ‘emergency’ is based are the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the need to accommodate social distancing and minimization of in-person contacts, and this body’s ongoing, immediate need to address the important matters on the agenda for this meeting.

Hunt conducted a roll call to determine which members were present and he asked each member to state that the reason they could not attend was the COVID-19 pandemic and to indicate if they were alone at their location.

Fellows: I am not attending due to COVID-19 and am alone in my location.

Atwood: I am not attending due to COVID-19 and am alone in my location.

Kramer-Perry: I am not attending due to COVID-19 and am alone in my location.

Erickson: I am not attending due to COVID-19 and am alone in my location.

Lyon: I am not attending due to COVID-19 and am alone in my location.

Murphy: I am not attending due to COVID-19 and am alone in my location.

Batchelder: I am not attending due to COVID-19 and am alone in my location.

Hunt: All votes tonight will be by roll call.

2. ANNUAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021 (CHAIR, VICE CHAIR & SECRETARY)

Hunt stated that nominations for the three officer positions were open. Is anyone interested in any of the positions? Discussion ensued.

Lyon moved to nominate Hunt as Chair, Fellows as Vice Chair and Atwood as Secretary, Kramer-Perry seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Hunt Yes, Fellows Yes, Atwood Yes, Kramer-Perry Yes, Erickson Yes, Aube Yes, Lyon Yes

3. CITIZEN’S FORUM: NONE

4. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – December 14, 2020

Erickson moved to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes, Atwood seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hunt abstained, Fellows abstained, Atwood Yes, Kramer-Perry Yes, Erickson Yes, Aube Yes, Lyon abstained. Motion passes 4-0, with three abstentions



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5. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NHDES Standard Wetlands Permit for Paula Panasis Revocable Trust, (Agent: Steve Riker, Ambit Engineering, Inc.), Assessor's Map L, Lot 105-F, zoned R-20, located at 280A Dover Point Road.

Steve Riker presented the proposal to expand an existing dock with the new dock having a 6' x 126' fixed wood pier, a 3' x 45' gangway, a 6' x 16' landing float, and an 8' x 38' float, adjacent to the tidal Piscataqua River. The project creates 1,015 square feet of permanent impact to tidal wetlands. This is the same property that before you in November for a pool and deck. The dock will extend further and will be held in place with helical anchors.

Kramer-Perry: Why is dock being extended so long and how does it compare with neighbors docks?

Riker: The neighboring docks can be seen on sheet 1. Not going further than the mooring balls that exist. This extension is need to have 3 feet of depth on the float. This is a balance between needing float stops and not.

Murphy: I thought the maximum length was 150 feet. Would dock be resting on the bottom?

Riker: The DES rules changed and maximum is 200 feet. Any shorter and it would rest on bottom.

Murphy: Dock width is limited to 4 feet for residential docks.

Riker: Once again the new DES rules allow 6 feet width.

Aube: I just looked up the regulations and 200 feet is the maximum length.

Fellows: Is any part of the existing dock being removed prior to the extension?

Riker: No part of the fixed pier is being removed, only adding onto the pier.

Fellows moved to endorse the application as presented, Erickson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hunt Yes, Fellows Yes, Atwood Yes, Kramer-Perry Yes, Erickson Yes, Aube Yes, Lyon Yes Motion passes 7-0

7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- A. Review of Correspondence Received From NH Department of Environmental Services: None

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Discuss Potential Amendments to Wetland Protection District Ordinance

Bird stated that the Planning Board was beginning to consider zoning ordinance amendments for this year and one change that I was going to suggest was updating the Wetlands ordinance to correct all the references to DES rule numbers that were changed last year by the state. While doing that I wanted to ask members if they wanted to take a thorough review of the ordinance.

Hunt, Lyon, Aube and Batchelder volunteered to help. Bird will figure out how to proceed.

Lyon: PREP will be releasing an RFP to provide assistance for environmental ordinance updating.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Fellows moved to adjourn at 6:10 PM, Aube seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hunt Yes, Fellows Yes, Atwood Yes, Kramer-Perry Yes, Erickson Yes, Aube Yes, Lyon Yes Motion passes 7-0