



CITY OF DOVER

WETLAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Wetland Protection Ordinance Sub-Committee Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 288 Central Ave, Dover NH
Meeting Date: **Tuesday February 16, 2021**
Meeting Time: **4:30 – 5:30 pm**

Certain members of the Committee may be participating in this meeting remotely. In addition, the staff or Chair of the Committee may, per NH RSA 91-A:2, III (b), declare an “emergency” within the meaning of that statute and waive the requirement that a quorum be physically present at the meeting. In either event, remote members will identify their location and any person present with them at that location. All votes will be by roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS REMOTE: David Landry, Jason Aube, Abigail Lyon, Bruce Batchelder

Absent (Excused): Bill Hunt

STAFF Absent (Un-excused):

PRESENT: Steve Bird

OTHERS PRESENT: None

The meeting opened at 4:49 PM.

The above statement was read into the record.

1. Election of Chair

Landry moved to nominate Lyon as Chair, Aube seconded. Roll Call Vote: Aube Yes, Landry Yes, Batchelder Yes, Lyon Yes Vote 4-0

2. Review Existing Wetland Protection District Ordinance Chapter 170-27.1

Bird reviewed the ordinance history and the Planning Board public hearing schedule. Need to have amendments ready by April or May due to need for city-wide mailing.

Aube: We don't have to mirror the state rules and need to lean on best management practices.

Landry: Is there a summary of wetland ordinance in other NH communities that we could review.

Aube: The NH Association of Conservation Commission would be good resource. We can be stricter.

Lyon: I will send out links to a PREP assessment and a Buffers for the Bay plan and one other. SRPC and RPC are working on a model buffer ordinance but not ready yet. PREP is offering a grant to hire consultants to work on buffer ordinances, with a 1:2 match and March 31st deadline.

3. Discuss Ideas For Possible Amendments to Ordinance

Aube: We need to look at the purpose and intent section first and definitions. Value of buffers need to be added.

Bird: We will need to fix the rule citations and I have had assistance from NHDES staff.

Landry: We need to review all references to publications and RSA's.

4. Discuss Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for March 2nd and Lyon asked members to review the existing ordinance language for potential changes and to classify them as administrative or substantive.

5. Adjournment

Lyon declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49.