



CITY OF DOVER

WETLAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Wetland Protection Ordinance Sub-Committee Meeting
Meeting Location: Planning Department, City Hall, 288 Central Ave, Dover NH
Meeting Date: **Tuesday March 2, 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 REMOTE: David Landry, Jason Aube, Abigail Lyon, Bruce Batchelder, Bill Hunt

Absent (Excused):

Absent (Un-excused):

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird

Lyon opened the meeting at 4:30 PM and all members indicated that they were participating remotely due to COVID, their location and if they were alone.

The above statement was read into the record.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2021

Landry moved to approve the minutes as prepared, Aube seconded. Roll call vote: Aube – yes, Hunt – Abstain, Batchelder – yes, Landry – yes, Lyon – yes. Motion passes 4-0 with 1 abstention.

2. Discuss Information in Links Sent out Since Last Meeting

Lyon reviewed the information sent out by e-mail.

Members found the information interesting and informative. Discussed how the data was gathered.

Lyon: The PREP grant is available if we want to pursue that to assist in ordinance revisions. SRPC and RPC are working on a model buffer ordinance but not ready yet. The PREP grant could be used 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 Chapter 170-27.1

Landry: Not all buffers are created equal and it would be good to adjust the buffer based on the adjacent resource in a more science based manner. Planning Board supports decisions that are more science based.

Hunt: I am in favor of a comprehensive review of the ordinance.

Aube: By incorporating a more scientific approach there will be more predictability for applicants.

Batchelder: I agree that we should work on administrative changes in short term and in the long term go for grant.

Bird: I can develop administrative changes based on rules or RSA changes and send that out before next meeting.

Aube: I want to develop our own definitions to put in ordinance and not rely on RSA or rule references.

Landry: We could bring the simple changes to the Planning Board now and wait on the more complex next year.

4. Discuss Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for March 16th at 4:00 pm.

Lyon: Bird will send out the administrative changes and both of us will contact SRPC to discuss PREP grant. Aube will work on wording for definitions for next meeting. Bird will check to see if there is any cash match available.

5. Adjournment

Lyon declared the meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.