



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, March 8, 2021
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair)

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

Absent (Excused): Robert Atwood (Secretary)

Absent (Un-excused):

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird

OTHERS PRESENT: Wade Lippert (remotely), others

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was convened at 5:31 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.

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.

Aube: 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.

2. CITIZEN’S FORUM: NONE

3. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – February 8, 2021

Erickson moved to approve the February 8, 2021 minutes, Lyon seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hunt Yes, Fellows Yes, Kramer-Perry abstain, Erickson Yes, Aube Yes, Lyon Yes, Batchelder Yes, Murphy Yes. Motion passes 7-0

4. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Michael Runey of Portsmouth Christian Academy, (Agent: Wade Lippert, Oak Point Associates), Assessor’s Map J, Lot 1-C, zoned R-40, located at 20 Seaborne Drive.

Wade Lippert presented the proposal to remove and replace an existing drainage outfall within a 50-foot wetlands buffer, with an impact of 320 square feet to the wetlands buffer. The lower building has a flat roof and roof drains that are not working well, causing roof leaks. The building is near the



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Bellamy River. The impacts are to a freshwater wetlands buffer. The roof drain in the southwest corner is the outlet in question. We are removing an existing roof drain on the west side of the building. The plan calls for sediment and erosion control measures. The existing outfall has no rip rap at outlet but that will be added in the buffer.

Hunt: Since we have 8 members present, Murphy will vote on this application. Batchelder can ask questions but not vote.

Bird: Are any roof drains being discontinued?

Lippert: Two roof drains will be rerouted to an existing drain to the north.

Hunt: Lippert did send out a narrative reviewing the CUP criteria that was helpful.

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

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

7. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Update on Committee to Work on Amendments to Wetland Protection District Ordinance

Hunt stated that the committee is comprised of Planning Board member Dave Landry along with Hunt, Lyon, Aube and Batchelder. This sub-committee has met twice remotely on February 16th and March 2nd and Lyon is the Chair.

Lyon: The committee wants to update references to wetland rules but we have looked at more comprehensive changes including definitions and purpose and intent. We are looking at the potential of applying for a PREP grant to hire a consultant to assist in reviewing the ordinance. We have contacted Kyle at SRPC to see if they want to be involved.

Bird: I checked and the Planning Department does have some limited funding that can be used for local match in addition to in-kind volunteer hours.

B. ADJOURNMENT

Lyon moved to adjourn at 6:00 PM, Erickson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hunt Yes, Fellows Yes, Kramer-Perry Yes, Erickson Yes, Aube Yes, Lyon Yes, Murphy Yes. Motion passes 7-0