



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 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 REMOTE: David Landry (4:45), Jason Aube, Abigail Lyon, Bruce Batchelder, Bill Hunt (until 5:24)

Absent (Excused):

Absent (Un-excused):

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird

Lyon opened the meeting at 4:33 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 March 2, 2021

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

2. Discuss Ideas For Possible Amendments to Ordinance Chapter 170-27.1

Committee reviewed the draft document that Bird had prepared with the administrative amendments and discussed each change.

Aube: The reference to the wetland plant list can be updated to the 2016 version. I would take out the RSA reference in the wetlands definition. The second paragraph in section C seems to duplicate the delineation wording in the next section. Unclear about adding the 21 days reference for expedited permits. The reference to Wt 300, 500 and 600 doesn't help the reader very much, but adding a summary would be too much wording. The demonstration of need criteria for a CUP is outdated as DES removed it from their rules.

Lyon: Why don't we leave in the change for now and take a more in-depth look later.

Bird will review the new rules to confirm and if so will remove the demonstration of need criteria.

Committee discussed the wording proposed by Aube for avoidance and minimization and decided to add a new paragraph to the intent and purpose section to add that language.

Aube: There are places where we may want our requirements to more strict than the state rules.

Landry will work with Bird on a summary of the committee work so he can present an update to Planning Board..

3. Discuss PREP Grant Application Opportunity

Bird: Lyon and I had a zoom call with SRPC and they are open to working with the City on this ordinance update project and with our application for funds. SRPC is working on a narrative and budget and I will start of filling in the application. We talked about maybe hiring a wetland scientist to assist in the more technical aspects.

4. Discuss Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for April 13th at 4:30 pm. If there is a need for a meeting sooner we will let you know.

5. Adjournment

Lyon declared the meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.