



CITY OF DOVER

WETLAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Wetland Protection Ordinance Sub-Committee Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council Conference Room, City Hall, 288 Central Ave, Dover NH
Meeting Date: **Monday, July 19, 2021**
Meeting Time: **4:30 – 5:30 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Landry (Chair), Jason Aube, Bruce Batchelder

Absent (Excused): Bill Hunt, Kristen Murphy

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird

OTHERS PRESENT: Abigail Lyon, Autumn Scott, Kyle Pimental, Tracy Tarr

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2021

Batchelder moved to approve the minutes as prepared, Aube seconded. Vote: Motion passes 3-0

2. Citizen's Forum – No one present

3. Introduction of SRPC Staff and Wetlands Scientist

Bird introduced SRPC staff – Pimental and Scott and wetlands scientist – Tracy Tarr.

4. Discuss Project Purpose and Background

Scott: I am interested to know where the committee is at now and what has been accomplished so far.

Bird: reviewed the PREP grant with SRPC and discussed the work done so far by the committee. Copies of the zoning amendments approved by the Planning Board were distributed. The goal is to develop amendments by next March or April. The grant runs through next June.

Pimental: This is a chance to take comprehensive review of the ordinance and things that have and haven't worked.

Aube: Scientifically based buffers is an idea for more protection of more valuable wetlands.

Landry: Sometimes less care is given to buffers than wetlands.

Discussed value of evaluating functions and values of wetlands, how other towns have rankings for wetlands that have more protections and putting thresholds or triggers to account for smaller projects.

Tarr reviewed common functions and values that can be used to rate wetlands and the value of the NH methodology. Tarr will send out a link to allow members to review the functions and values.

Lyon: We could promote mitigation measures to offset impacts such as reconstructing buffers.

Pimental: We can use GIS mapping to create co-occurrence maps of resources and use screen in the room for the next meeting. We need to figure out which resources are important to the committee.

Vernal pools and their values were discussed.

5. Discuss Process and Timeline

Lyon: There is a public education component to this grant and we need to do outreach to the public using media.

Landry: It is critical to building support for our work. We could do a survey of the public or video on cable TV.

The next meeting will be August 24th at 5:00. At this point the committee will meet monthly.

6. Review Relevant Sources

7. Discuss Intended Outcomes

8. Adjournment

Landry declared the meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.