



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: **Monday December 20, 2021**
Meeting Time: **5:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Landry (Chair), Jason Aube, Bill Hunt Kristen Murphy, Bruce Batchelder

Absent (Excused): None

STAFF PRESENT: Donna Benton, City Planner

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

Landry did a roll call.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2021

Murphy moved to approve the minutes, Landry seconded. Vote: Motion passes 5-0

2. Citizen's Forum – No one present

3. Discuss Wetlands Assessment Methods and Potential Ordinance Amendments

Scott reviewed amendments briefly and asked for final threshold numbers for the proposed scoring for Dover's version of The NH Method by the end of the night. Tarr presented examples from Plaistow and the state and gave two wetland examples in Dover. The group decided to round to one decimal place.

Discussion ensued about adding Wetland Dependent Wildlife to the criteria versus need of pulling NHB review.

Idea came up about studying all of Dover's wetlands. Decided to remain site specific as it is more timely and accurate.

Motion: Murphy moved to modify the criteria to include wetland dependent wildlife. Seconded by Landry. Vote: U/A.

The group then went through the scoring numbers and decided on 3.4 for the wetland dependent wildlife.

Murphy moved to use Plaistow's criteria (to one decimal place) including wetland dependent wildlife. Three of more functions would be a 75' buffer required. Four or more functions means 100' buffer would be required. Landry seconded. Vote: U/A.

Scott reviewed proposed amendments. The group discussed vernal pools and the possibility of directional buffers vs. perimeter buffers. It was decided to stick with a 100' buffer for now and to have flexibility if an applicant would like to go with a directional buffer as part of a CUP request. Scott will re-write for the next meeting.

Benton discussed the Planning Board amendment timeline of March for posting and May for adopting and August for Council vote. Next meeting will include wordsmithing.

4. Strategize Public Outreach

This topic will be included on the next agenda. Landry thought the Planning newsletter and Dover Download have done a good job. Staff can consider videos with Media Services as well.

5. Other Business

There was none.

6. Adjournment

No date was determined. Goals for next meeting are to finish wordsmithing and come up with a plan for public outreach.

Aube moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04. Seconded by Hunt. Vote: U/A.