



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council Conference Room - 288 Central Avenue Dover NH
Meeting Date: Monday, February 14, 2022
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Robert Atwood (Secretary), Amy Kramer-Perry, Abigail Lyon, Jason Aube, Kristen Murphy (Alternate), Bruce Batchelder (Alternate)

Absent (Excused): Bill Hunt (Chair), Richard Erickson

Absent (Un-excused):

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari – Resilience Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Lindsey Williams (City Council), Matt Cardin, Jase Gregiore, Barry Gier

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM.
Fellows opened the meeting and did a roll call.

2. ANNUAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2022

Bill Hunt – Chair
Steve Fellows – Vice Chair
Robert Atwood – Secretary

K. Murphy moved to approve the nominations for the 2022 Slate of Officers, A. Lyon seconded. Vote: 7 yes

3. CITIZENS' FORUM: None

4. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – January 10, 2022

Amy Kramer-Perry moved to approve the January 10, 2022 minutes, B. Batchelder seconded. Vote: 3 yes, 4 abstentions

5. OLD BUSINESS: None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** NHDES Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application for David Lemieux (Agent: Cardin Environmental Consulting and Permitting) Assessor's Map 8, Lot 19, zoned R-20, located at 14 Leighton Drive. Proposal is to install a new dock with a 4'x11' access ramp, a 4' x 150' pier, 40' x 3' aluminum gangway and a 10' x 40' float, in the tidal Little Bay. This project creates 1,120 square feet of permanent impact to tidal wetland and 44 square feet of previously developed permanent impact to the tidal buffer zone.

Matt Cardin from Cardin Environmental and Consulting introduced the project.



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J. Aube: Are float stops going to be used for this project?

M. Cardin: Float stops are not necessary.

J. Aube: What is the total length?

M. Cardin: A bit less than 200 ft.

J. Aube: Is there any eelgrass at this location?

M. Cardin: No, none in this specific area.

A. Kramer-Perry: How does the dock length compare to the surrounding area?

M. Cardin: A bit hard to tell from the aerial photos but is longer than the abutting docks, one of which is in poor condition.

A. Lyon: Can you describe the section where the dock meets the shoreland?

M. Cardin: The area upland is grassy and rocky. There are also old timbers there which would need to be removed.

A. Kramer-Perry: Will the salt marsh migrate?

M. Cardin: It's likely that it will but it could take a number of years.

K. Murphy: Is there a need to remove some of the vegetation?

M. Cardin: Yes, a small swath.

J. Aube moved to endorse the application, A. Kramer-Perry seconded. Vote: 7 yes

- B.** City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for American Durafilm Co., Inc. (Owner: AD Dover, LLC.) (Agent: Civilworks New England), Assessor's Map D, Lot 11-10, zoned IT, located on Innovation Way and Venture Drive. Proposal is to increase the amount of fill to improve the foundation support, creating an additional 553 square feet of impact to the wetland buffer increasing the previously approved impact of 7,419 square feet to 7,972 square feet.

Jase Gregiore from Civilworks New England introduced the project.

J. Aube: What is the current condition?

J. Gregiore: Currently vegetated.

J. Aube: What would the impact to the project be of not doing this?

J. Gregiore: 2:1 side slope due to the cost of the fill.



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J. Aube: Could the buffer be enhanced elsewhere so that there is no net loss?

J. Gregiore: No opportunity was identified to enhance the buffer onsite.

S. Fellows: Approximately how long and wide is the expanded impact area?

J. Gregiore: The area is between 100 – 150 feet long by 3-4 feet wide.

A. Lyon: Will trees remain in the current vegetated area?

J. Gregiore: Yes, they will.

K. Murphy moved to endorse the application, A. Lyon seconded. Vote: 7 yes.

- C.** City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Todd Diggins and Krystin Ward (Agent: Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc.), Assessor's Map 8, Lot 32, zoned R-20, located at 3 Wentworth Terrace. Proposal is to construct a 975 square foot addition to include an accessory dwelling unit, creating, 966 square feet of disturbance to the Conservation District.

Barry Gier from Jones and Beach Engineers, Inc. introduced the project.

K. Murphy: Question about note #3 on the plans, should that be there?

B. Gier: Typo and will be corrected.

J. Aube: What is the increase to the impervious surface?

B. Gier: Actually, the impervious surface decreases due to the removal of a portion of the driveway and addition of porous pavers.

A. Lyon: Porous pavers are great but they must be maintained to function properly. There should be a maintenance plan in place.

A. Lyon conditionally moved to endorse the application with the addition of a porous paver maintenance plan before Planning Board review, K. Murphy seconded. Vote: 7 yes.



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7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

A. Review of Correspondence Received From NH Department of Environmental Services

J. Kaspari: NHDES approved a standard dredge and fill permit for 7 Cullen Bay Rd. who was seeking to impact 1,052 square feet within the previously developed upland tidal buffer zone in order to construct a pool.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

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

A. Lyon: The Committee work recommends establishing enhanced buffers on wetlands of higher importance. Additionally, greater protection would be added to sites containing vernal pools. The next step is to receive feedback from the Planning Board. Autumn Scott and Kyle Pimental are going to discuss the outcomes with City staff for feedback. The findings will be presented to the Planning Board during one of the March meetings and to the City Council thereafter.

J. Kaspari: Before adjournment, I'd like to bring two quick items to the Commissions attention. I was contacted about opportunities for offsite mitigation projects. I know the Commission discussed this at a prior meeting and concluded that a formal list would be needed. My suggestion is to put this as a formal agenda item for a future meeting.

A. Lyon: I can see if UNH Extension has any resources that could help with this.

J. Kaspari: Environmental Projects Engineer Gretchen Young likely has some pending mitigation projects that could use funding.

The other item is that the Local Advisory Committee for the Cocheco River is looking for two additional representatives from Dover. City Staff has been tasked with providing recommendations to the Appointments Committee. There's a chance you may be asked if you're interested in serving this role. Bringing up tonight as an FYI.

9. ADJOURNMENT

S. Fellows moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM. A. Lyon seconded. Vote: 7 yes.