



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, March 14, 2022
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Robert Atwood (Secretary), Abigail Lyon, Bruce Batchelder (Alternate)

Absent (Excused): Jason Aube, Amy Kramer-Perry, Kristen Murphy (Alternate),

Absent (Un-excused):

STAFF PRESENT: Donna Benton – Director of Planning and Community Development

OTHERS PRESENT: Lindsey Williams (City Council) Robert Stowell, Tritech Engineering

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

2. CITIZENS' FORUM: None

3. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – February 14, 2022

Motion: A.Lyon moved to approve the February 14, 2022 minutes, S.Fellows seconded. Vote:

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Quantum Real Estate Group, LLC. (Agent: Tritech Engineering Corporation), Assessor's Map H, Lots 29 A-3 & 29 A-4, zoned CM, located on Littleworth Road. Proposal is to install a municipal water main creating 785 square feet of temporary wetlands impact and 2,665 square feet of buffer impact.

Bob Stowell, Tritech Engineering presented the application explaining they didn't anticipate this request. But project changed from residential to commercial and NHDOT has indicated where the water line can go. There is a small temporary impact and buffer impact.

Atwood: Who is calling for this?

Stowell: Acupetvet is the user but NHDOT isn't giving any choice and it is their right of way.

Hunt: Did you bring maps/materials with you tonight?

Stowell: Walked them through the plan and impacts

Fellows: Not a high value wetland? Steps of Mitigation?

Stowell: Explained erosion control and Fraggie Rock's plan for material storage, etc.

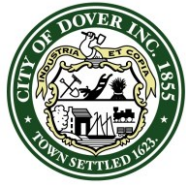
Atwood: Details on plan?

Stowell: went over CUP and wetlands package with the Commission and construction sequence.

Benton and Lyon confirmed areas of temporary wetlands and wetland buffer and Stowell confirmed it will be returned to original state.

Fellows: Understands his situation with NHDOT not allowing avoidance.

Stowell: Again reiterated conversations with NHDOT and City Staff's conversations with NHDOT.



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B. Discuss Mitigation Priority List

The commission discussed the idea of DES setting guidelines for wetland mitigation and the opportunity to create a list of prioritized wetlands to improve when mitigation is needed. A.Lyon reminder the commission that it may want to form a sub-committee and potentially hire a consultant to put together a list. A Request for Proposals or obtaining 3 quotes would be needed.

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

No correspondence that Benton was aware of.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

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

Benton provided an update. Explained why the sub-committee hadn't met again and that language was provided to the Planning Board. The Planning Board can potentially vote to pass as early as March 22. Then a public hearing would be held. Lyon added the plan for public outreach and education she has worked with the consultants on.

Vote to allow \$100,000 from Conservation Fund to cover Resilience Coordinator's salary and benefits.

D.Benton asked for a vote for \$100,000 to be expended in FY23's budget to cover staff support to the Commission as it has done in past years.

Motion: Atwood moved to expend \$100,000 in FY23 to pay towards staff liaison's salary and benefits. Batchelder seconded. Vote: U/A

B. Dover Climate Resources Forum

Lyon mentioned committee and the event, flyer with details included as part of the packet. She described the short videos on topics and lumping resources/recommendations together and the opportunity to share those videos and resources. Murphy and Lyon would bring more proposals/resources to the Conservation Commission in the future. Exeter was able to serve as a model and did the event fully virtually in 2020. The video can be played as part of a new orientation for new members.

Lyon also shared an update on the stormwater utility and Council's recent actions to work with the ordinance committee and a consultant.

Councilor Williams added that the stormwater utility will help incentivize behavior on private property, and the ordinance committee met with staff last week. Dover Utilities Commission will be involved as well and it is looking to be an 18 month process.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Fellows moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM. Atwood seconded. Vote: U/A.