



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 1st Floor Conference Room - 288 Central Avenue Dover NH
Meeting Date: Monday, June 13, 2022
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Jason Aube, Amy Kramer-Perry, Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Abigail Lyon

Absent (Excused): Robert Atwood (Secretary), Kristen Murphy (Alternate)

Absent (Un-excused): Richard Erickson, Bruce Batchelder (Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari – Resilience Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Lindsey Williams (City Council), Steve Riker, Steve Herzog

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 – May 9, 2022

J. Aube moved to approve the May 9, 2022 minutes, S. Fellows seconded. Vote: 3 yes, 2 abstentions.

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Unitil Granite State Gas Transmission (Agent: Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.) Assessor's Map M, Lot 47C, zoned R-12, located east of Polly Ann Park. Proposal is to construct an above ground station comprising of a pipeline internal inspection tool launcher and receiver, creating approximately 3,175 square feet of permanent wetland impact and 500 square feet of temporary wetland impact.

Steve Herzog from Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, Inc. was present to explain the application.

Per the request of the Chair, J. Kaspari noted that the NHDES application for this project was previously heard by the Commission. Being new to the process in Dover the Applicant wanted to ensure sufficient time for NHDES review before navigating the local regulations. The project appeared before TRC and now is back before the Commission seeking a CUP. There have been no substantial changes to the plans.

A. Lyon motioned to approve referencing the prior in-depth review. J. Aube seconded.

Vote: 5 yes



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- B.** NHDES Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application for Peter T. Paul Living Trust (Agent: Ambit Engineering, Inc.) Assessor's Map N, Lot 8-1-4, zoned R-40, located at 56 Saddle Trail Drive. Proposal is to construct a tidal docking structure consisting of a 4' x 95' accessway, a 4' x 20' fixed wood pier, a 3' x 30' gangway and a 10' x 40' float, totaling 380 square feet of permanent impact to the previously developed Tidal Buffer Zone and 570 square feet of permanent impact to tidal wetlands.

Steve Riker from Ambit Engineering, Inc. was present to explain the application.

J. Aube: What NOAA tidal station was used?

S. Riker: NOAA Station 8420411 Dover, Cocheco River, New Hampshire.

B. Hunt: Can you explain the high tide line on sheet D1?

S. Riker pointed to the various mean high-water lines and projected sea level rise line out to 2100.

B. Hunt: Is any tree removal necessary?

S. Riker: While not obvious from the depictions of the tree canopies on the plans, we were very careful to avoid any tree removal.

J. Aube: Does this docking structure meet the appropriate size limitations?

S. Riker: Yes, it meets the criteria.

J. Aube: Are there any other sensitive resources in the area?

S. Riker: NHB was contacted as part of the application process but no sensitive resources were identified.

J. Aube motioned to endorse the NHDES application citing that there is no proposed tree removal and that the application purposely limits impacts to the salt marsh. S. Fellows seconded. Vote: 5 yes.



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- C. Vote on authorization of an additional \$2,500 from Conservation Fund for an updated survey of River Run Wildlife Management Area.

J. Kaspari explained that due to the size of the parcel and anticipated complexity of the survey that the RFQ bid responses came in higher than the previously authorized amount. The folks who monitor this property have been requesting an updated survey for the past few years and the benefit would be solving a long-standing boundary dispute with an abutting owner.

S. Fellows: How close were the bids in terms of monetary amount?

J. Kaspari: Once was significantly closer to the initial budget than the other.

A. Lyon moved to approve. A Kramer-Perry seconded. Vote: 5 yes.

D. Update on City of Dover Stormwater Utility Planning

J. Kaspari noted that he is not the lead on this effort and that technical questions should be directed to Environmental Projects Manager Gretchen Young who has been involved since the beginning. He also pointed out that the FAQ sheets available through the City Website are very helpful for answering general questions regarding the proposal.

https://www.dover.nh.gov/Assets/government/boards-commissions/city-council/stormwater/documents/FAQs_Stormwater%20and%20Flood%20Resilience%20Utility_January%202022.pdf

He stated some of the key information:

- \$5 M in differed projects that are needed to reduce the City's impacts.
- 1,700 stormwater utilities have been implemented in 41 states.
- Proposal is to for utility to be equitable and scale with the amount of impervious surface by using a dollar amount per equivalent residential unit (ERU) which is determined by dividing the amount of impervious area by the average amount for a single-family home in Dover (3,430 sq. feet).

A. Lyon helped explain further noting that what the Committee that worked on this developed is a set of recommendations and that nothing has been authorized. There will be continual work done through public meeting such as the one occurring tonight which is a joint meeting between the Ordinance Committee and Utilities Commission.



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B. Hunt voiced concerns that were raised to him regarding the potential impact to local farmers.

A. Lyon: There will likely be opportunities for relief whether through on-site improvements or other mechanisms that farmers could take advantage of. Public outreach will be key to this whole process.

J. Aube: Not to target farmers but the nitrogen impacts from farms can be really substantial, so it's important that the runoff is managed well.

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

NHDES issued a request for more information (RFMI) for 3 Wentworth Terrace.

NHDES approved the Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application for Quantum Real Estate Group LLC for the installation of a municipal water main off Littleworth Road.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

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

J. Kaspari: Committee is meeting on Thursday to address feedback from Staff regarding the proposed amendments. A more detailed update will be provided at the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned unanimously.