



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – FOREST MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: **Council Conference Room** - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Thursday, November 10th, 2022
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows, Rick Schnable, Amy Kramer-Perry, Anna Boudreau

EXCUSED ABSENT: Robert Atwood

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari (Resilience Manager)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:33 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – October 5th, 2020

Boudreau motioned to approve the 10/05/2020 minutes, Kramer-Perry seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor of approving the minutes.

3. REVISIT FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN PREPARED BY TIM NOLIN

-The Subcommittee reviewed the plan and focused on the recommendations listed.

-Kaspari explained that he spoke with Dean Peschel and learned that there is no interest by the landfill group to help financially with further land acquisition in the area of interest.

-The Energy Commission has considered the possibility of utilizing the old landfill site for a large solar array. The EPA however does not see the site as being a good candidate for solar as further remediation efforts may be impeded by a solar installation.

-The Subcommittee was very impressed by Tim Nolin's plan and is eager to move forward with next steps to start implementing some of the recommendations.

4. DISCUSS NEXT STEPS FOR A POTENTIAL TIMBER HARVEST

The Subcommittee discussed goals and next steps in great detail based on the recommendations in the plan and developed some questions that need answering to move the process along.

ACTION ITEMS / QUESTIONS before next meeting:

- Kaspari will check with our licensed forester, Tim Nolin to get his advice on the best timing for a timber harvest, how much lead time does he need, can we get in his "queue" if this winter is a good time for a timber harvest, and are the numbers regarding the market value of timber listed in the table in his report still accurate?
- Kaspari will check to see if the City is able to purchase a parcel of land above the assessed value without an appraisal since this is not conservation land? We want to make a fair offer on property "L" but the cost of an appraisal report, survey, road improvements for a timber harvest etc...will likely be more than what the parcel in question is worth so it doesn't make sense to pay for a full blown appraisal.
- Kaspari will check with appraisers about the cost of an "Opinion of Value" to get a rough estimate as to the value of the parcel "L" in question.
- Kaspari will check with Zoning to see if the lot in question is even buildable.
- Once these questions are answered, Kaspari will reach out the landowners of parcel "L" to discuss next steps.

5. REVIEW FINAL STREET TREE PLAN

The committee remains impressed with the level of detail and information in the street tree plan and determined that it would be best to start with the "yellow" dots that indicate where a tree is missing from a certain spot. After much discussion a plan began to emerge, although Boudreau wondered if we need someone to organize volunteers, coordinate and follow through on getting the trees planted next spring, notify the community and the business owners, etc.? Sounds like a sub group needs to be established or does that fall to staff? Overall interest in getting some trees planted and replaced downtown remains high and the committee is eager to get starting on planning for next spring.



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Several questions came up regarding when and where to purchase trees:

- 1) Who currently purchases trees for the city's various projects and do they have a relationship with a certain nursery?
- 2) Do we have a purchase agreement with any particular private or state nursery?
- 3) Since we will be purchasing X# of trees at one time can we negotiate a better price per tree?
- 4) Public works should be involved, can they help with equipment, etc..
- 5) Kaspari will check if we need an RFP to order trees. We may want to check in with UNH Extension as they have a lot of information about urban trees and urban forestry, namely AJ Dupere or Mary Tebo Davis.

Boudreau motioned to endorse the CBD Street Tree Plan, and present it to the Planning Board, seconded by Schnable. Vote was unanimous in favor.

6. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Committee members would like to meet on Monday 12/5 if possible with a backup date of 12/12.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Fellows declared the meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.