



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 13, 2023
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Robert Atwood (Secretary), Kristen Murphy, Abigail Lyon, Jay Aube, Bruce Batchelder (Alternate), Jake Geddes (Alternate)

Absent (Excused): Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Amy Kramer-Perry

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari – Resilience Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Cardin

K. Murphy arrived at 5:41 pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM.

2. CITIZENS' FORUM: No citizens were present to speak during the forum

3. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – February 13, 2023

A. Lyon moved to approve the February 13, 2023 minutes with one minor correction, J. Aube seconded.
Vote: 6 yes.

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** NHDES Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application for Xiao Hui Ye Revocable Trust, (Agent: Cardin Environmental Consulting and Permitting), Assessor's Map L Lot 89-H, zoned R-20, located at 196 A Dover Point Road. Proposal is to maintain and expand the existing 100' pier, gangway and float of a tidal docking structure creating 712 square feet of new permanent impact to tidal wetlands within the previously developed Tidal Buffer Zone.

M. Cardin was present to explain the application.

J. Aube: What was the endangered plant identified by NHB?

M. Cardin: To address NHB's concerns over endangered species, a plant survey was conducted by a qualified botanist which found no rare, threatened or endangered species on the property.

A. Lyon: Are there concerns over invasive species?

M. Cardin: Care will be taken to ensure that invasive species are appropriately dealt with to prevent any spreading to other areas.

B. Hunt: Will the new section be constructed without impacting the marsh area?

M. Cardin: Typically, it's done using a barge and an excavator to install the pilings. This will be the method for two of the piles. Access for the remainder of the work will be by land through the property. Matting will be used in the wetland areas to limit impact.

K. Murphy moved to endorse the NHDES application. J. Aube seconded. Vote: 7 yes.



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B. Request for Conservation Fund Expenditure

1.) \$300 to support OLC Moth Night Event

K. Murphy explained that this request has been withdrawn.

The OLC was working on partnering with a contact who recently moved onto a new position. The initial plan was to cost share but those funds are no longer available. The OLC really wants to organize this for next year. It would provide an up close look at the wide diversity of local caterpillar species.

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

J. Kaspari explained that Kristin Duclos from the Wetlands Bureau indicated the Bureau would take into account the request the Commission made regarding the common HOA dock when reviewing individual docking permit applications for homes within the HOA.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Update from Forest Management Subcommittee

The Forest Management Subcommittee has not met. J. Kaspari reached out to the Dover High School regarding the Miyawaki method. Kaspari has not heard back yet but does have contacts in the Science Department that he'll try getting in touch with about this. Kaspari also mentioned Branch Out Burlington which was shared by Subcommittee member Rick Schnable.

The Commission discussed two addition items under Other Business.

R. Atwood: Jackson, are there any updates regarding the community garden?

J. Kaspari: I've been working with the garden leaders to come up with a way to restructure the agreement or organization to address concerns over liability. We are still trying to identify the best approach for this.

K. Murphy: HB 2 and HB 655 are two bills that are proposing to eliminate licensing for soil scientists, certified wetland scientists and foresters as well as a host of others. These certificates are very important. NHACC sent out a notice indicating that Conservation Commissions could sign onto that letter. I encourage this Commission to take action and recommend signing onto the NHACC letter.

J. Aube shared some updates on the status of the bills. The intent of this legislation does not appear to achieve the goal of reducing barriers to workforce entry. A certification is not a prerequisite to employment. We just hired two new staff members without a certification.



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A. Lyon: Barbra Richter with NHACC would be the most up to date of any changes to these two bills.

A. Lyon moved that the Commission sign onto the NHACC letter. B. Batchelder seconded. Vote: 7 yes.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A. Lyon motioned to adjourn. K. Murphy seconded. Vote: 7 yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.