

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, April 10, 2023
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

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

Absent (Excused): Jay Aube

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari – Resilience Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilor Lindsey Williams, Erik Saari

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. J. Kaspari read aloud an email from a local student who expressed concerns over invasive species in Dover and offered some suggestions to help address the problem. The Conservation Commission will plan a date to help deal with invasive species. This could be run in conjunction with one of the standing community cleanup days in May.

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

A. Lyon moved to approve the March 13, 2023 minutes, K. Murphy seconded. Vote: 5 yes. 2 abstentions.

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Tina Sawtelle, (Agent: Altus Engineering), Assessor's Map B, Lot 1-C, zoned R-40, located at 476 Sixth Street. Proposal is to construct a building addition in a previously developed area creating 773 square feet of overlapped impact to the Conservation District and wetland buffer. The overall impervious surface within the Conservation District and wetland buffer would be reduced by 165 square feet.

E. Saari was present to explain the application.

S. Fellows asked for clarification on the location of the pilings.

E. Saari pointed to the piling locations.

B. Hunt: The portion of the project related to the pilings will remain as is?

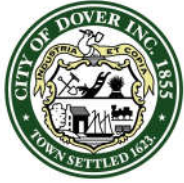
E. Saari: Yes, that is correct.

K. Murphy: Relevant to the date of the wetland delineation, has the wetland scientist been back on site to conduct an assessment since?

E. Saari: The Wetland Scientist did not return to the site but there was no snow at the time of the delineation and the wetlands are very well defined around the brook.

K. Murphy asked about the location of the roof drainage which was explained by E. Saari.

S. Fellows sought clarification for where the impervious surface was being reduced.



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E. Saari explained the numbers using the site plan and highlighted the area that was being replaced with a pervious surface.

A. Lyon: Could overflow be directed to the pervious area to provide opportunity for some treatment?

E. Saari: Since it's roof runoff it's considered to be clean although I can appreciate that point. My only concern is directing runoff behind the retaining wall which could pose a hazard.

S. Fellows endorsed the application. A. Kramer-Perry seconded. Vote: 7 yes.

B. Piscataqua Region Environmental Planning Assessment Grants – 2023 Request for Proposals

A. Lyon was present to explain the grant opportunity but noted she would recuse herself from the vote. J. Kaspari added that Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) would act as the fiscal agent for the grant and that the scope of work involves developing a natural resources inventory for Dover. This is something the Commission has been interested in.

S. Fellows endorsed the City partnering with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission to pursue funding through the PREPA grant for the development of a natural resources inventory.

K. Murphy seconded. Vote: 7 yes.

C. State License Reform Updates

J. Kaspari conveyed updates on the state license reform that were provided by the NHACC Director Barbra Richter. She thanked the Dover Conservation Commission for signing the letter, over 30 Commission signed on. All language repealing licenses for foresters, wetland scientists, soil scientists and landscape architects were removed from the two pending house bills. The feedback from NHACC was taken seriously.

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

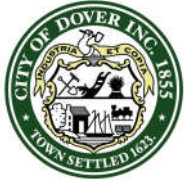
J. Kaspari: Eversource received their Alteration of Terrain Permit for the major maintenance project involving the transmission lines.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Update from Forest Management Subcommittee

The Subcommittee will be meeting later in the month.

Eric Sanderson in Community Services is working on an RFP for 10 new street trees, with the goal of planting those this spring.



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8. ADJOURNMENT

A. Lyon motioned to adjourn. S. Fellows seconded. Vote: 7 yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.