

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 8, 2024
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Kristen Murphy, Jake Geddes
Absent (Excused):, Amy Kramer Perry, Abigail Lyon, Robert Atwood (Secretary), Russ Warnock (Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari – Resilience Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Autumn Scott, Sarah Large, Tom Fargo, Councilor Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM.

2. CITIZENS' FORUM

None

3. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES- March 11, 2024

S. Fellows moved to approve the minutes of March 11 as submitted. K. Murphy seconded.

Vote: 3 yes with Geddes abstaining

4. OLD BUSINESS:

None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit and NHDES Expedited Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit for Future Automation, Inc. (Owners: DBIDA), Assessor's Map D, Lot 11-8, zoned IT, located at Quality Way. Proposal is to construct a 24,856 square foot building and a 10,000 square foot building creating 39,820 square feet of wetland buffer impact and 1,631 square feet of wetland impact.

Steve Haight, Civilworks Engineering represented the applicant and presented the item. The applicant has an existing facility on Venture Dr and is looking to purchase property from the City of Dover and expand their operation with two buildings on the lot. He highlighted details including:

- Wetland buffer areas
- Facility usage- light manufacturing
- DES permits
- Drainage
- Access
- No seasonal stream
- Landscaping plan
- The plan has been to TRC twice as well as Planning Board (minor changes required)

Questions of the committee were asked and answered regarding:

- Vernal pools
- Snow storage

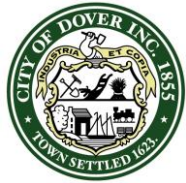
J. Kaspari noted staff has worked with the applicant through the TRC process and he has no concerns.

- Property location/ details explained

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S. Fellows commented that the site has limitations and the applicants are minimizing impact and doing what they can within the guidelines.

S. Fellows moved to endorse the conditional use permit application and NHDES application given the nature of the site and the applicants effort to address the CUP criteria. J. Geddes seconded. Vote: 4 yes.

Chair Hunt signed the Expedited Minimum Impact Wetlands Permit Application copies following the vote.

B. Natural Resources Inventory Project Update

The goal of the project is to develop an inventory of Dover's natural resources to be used as a tool for land use boards, staff and public to utilize.

Autumn Scott, Strafford Regional Planning Commission updated and discussed the following with the Commission:

- Feedback and updates from first draft of the NRI
 - More time needed by the committee for review
- Surveys are live and responses are being received
- Conversation about integration with the master plan
- Optional studies to be included as supplement to the NRI
- Timeline discussion
- Brainstorming of ideas

C. Conservation and Open Space Chapter Update

J. Kaspari updated the committee on this item including:

- On site conservation tour
- Lengthy discussion to categorize and rank inputs to emphasize the segments that need it
- No draft yet- should come by the end of the summer

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

Replacement work on two bridges coming up

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Update from Forest Management Subcommittee

S. Fellows reported on the latest discussion topics

- Pocket forest – search for location
 - Ideal location is if the City owns the land, but having trouble finding a location that works well for the pocket forest purpose.
- Street trees and future downtown redesign

8. ADJOURNMENT

S. Fellows moved to adjourn. J. Geddes seconded. Vote: U/A

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

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