

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, September 9, 2024
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Kristen Murphy, Brianna Group, Abigail Lyon, Russ Warnock (Alternate)

Absent (Excused):, Bill Hunt (Chair), Robert Atwood (Secretary)

Absent (Unexcused): Jake Geddes

STAFF PRESENT: Jackson Kaspari – Resilience Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilor Williams, Steve Haight, Chad Kageleiry, Sam Hayden, Sarah Large

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM.

2. CITIZENS' FORUM

The Chair gave instructions for Citizens' forum

None

3. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES- August 12, 2024

K. Murphy moved to approve the minutes of August 12 as submitted. B. Group seconded. Vote: All in favor with A. Lyon abstaining

4. OLD BUSINESS:

None

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Del Sol Dover, LLC, Assessor's Map G, Lot 2-1, zoned CM, located at the end of Crosby Road. Proposal is to create a three-lot subdivision which will be accessed from an extension of Crosby Road with associated drainage and grading creating 4,861 square feet of permanent impact to the 50-foot wetland buffer.

S. Haight, CivilWorks and C. Kageleiry, owner represented the item and explained the proposal including location of property, wetland buffers and impacts, road and right-of-way extensions.

They, along with staff, clarified information to the commission relating to wetlands, no vernal pools on the site, open space audit criteria, and deed- restricted area being transferred to Fish and Game.

R. Warnock moved to endorse the proposal with the condition that a note be added to the plans indicating the date of the most recent wetlands delineation. A. Lyon seconded. Vote: All in favor

B. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Del Sol Dover, LLC, Assessor's Map G, Lot 2-1, zoned CM, located at the end of Crosby Road. Proposal is to construct a 9,600 square foot warehouse building with associated parking and utility and drainage improvements creating 786.5 square feet of permanent impact to the 50-foot wetland buffer.

S. Haight, CivilWorks and C. Kageleiry, owner represented the item and explained the proposal including site description, plans for the site, stormwater details, and wetland buffer impacts.



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They, along with staff, clarified information to the committee relating to containment of stored materials, monitoring wells, signage for wetlands, storm water management, planned vegetation, and snow removal.

Discussion with commission member and J. Kaspari regarding progress on the Plantings list- selecting for particular areas.

K. Murphy moved to endorse the proposal as presented. B. Group seconded. Vote: All in favor

C. NHDES Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit for Jenny L. Lang, Assessor's Map L, Lot 95-1L, zoned R-20, located at 15 Landing Way. Proposal is to construct a tidal docking structure consisting of a 4' x 24' accessway, a 4' x 120' fixed wood pier, a 3' x 40' gangway and a 10' x 30' float totaling 96 square feet of permanent impact to the previously developed 100' Tidal Buffer Zone and 900 square feet of permanent impact to tidal wetlands

Sam Hayden (in place of Steve Riker) presented the project for feedback which will be sent to NHDES. No local permit is being sought. He explained the logistics of the construction process and that it's a seasonal structure that is pulled up out of season.

He clarified additional information to the committee.

A. Lyon moved to endorse the proposal as presented. R. Warnock seconded. Vote: All in favor

D. New Meadows Rapid Ecological Assessment

Sarah Large presented the assessment to the committee.

Committee members asked some clarifying questions which were discussed: community trail locations and connectivity, American beech trees/ disease.

E. Additional Volunteer Opportunities – Planning Board and Cocheco River Local Advisory Committee

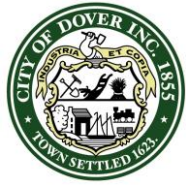
J. Kaspari noted there are vacancies on these boards and to reach out if anyone is able to join, or spread the word to others who might be interested.

Apple Harvest Day is Oct 5th and the Energy Commission is organizing a sustainability outreach event at City Hall and is looking for engagement from appropriate committees.

F. Conservation and Open Space Chapter Update

J. Kaspari noted the steering committee has reviewed the draft outline for the structure of the chapter and associated materials. Staff review is anticipated for November, then it will come before this commission and then the Planning Board hopefully by December.

Discussion continued about the Natural Resource Inventory



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6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

None

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Update from Forest Management Subcommittee

Topics discussed:

- Reviewed the findings of the fellow
- Upcoming site walk for forest management and recreational use
- Pocket forest postponed until an opportunity arises
- Land acquisition research

Update on donated tree which was installed.

Discussion about what is the best avenue to continue the work the fellow was doing on urban forestry/ species list. The conversation extended to ongoing grant preparation, plans if granted, and process for how lists are implemented.

Resources from other cities and the county were suggested to review.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A. Lyon moved to adjourn. R. Warnock seconded. Vote: U/A

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.