



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 May 11, 2026
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Robert Atwood (Secretary), Russ Warnock, Thomas Fargo

Absent (Excused): Abigail Lyon, Brianna Group, Kristen Murphy (Alternate)

Absent (Unexcused):

STAFF PRESENT: Makayla Edgecomb (Conservation Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was convened at 5:30PM.

2. CITIZENS' FORUM

The Chair gave instructions for Citizens' forum

No one spoke

3. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES- April 13, 2026

T. Fargo moved to approve the minutes of April 13th as submitted. S. Fellows seconded. Vote: All in favor

4. OLD BUSINESS

M. Edgewood presented an update about the Smith well lot.

Discussion continued about some emails received, artificially recharged wells and restrictions which the state may require.

The engineer has reached out a few times to the state and is waiting to hear back.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Aidan Ahern, Map 30, Lot 45 zoned RM-U located at 63 Sixth St. Proposal is to allow for repair of existing foundation, reconstruction of an existing bulkhead, drainage improvements and regrading, as well as installation of a permeable patio. Resulting in 575 sf of temporary impacts and 950 sf of permanent impacts to the Conservation District. (COND-2026-0025)

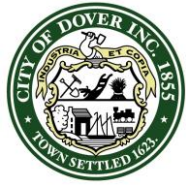
Aidan Ahearn, property owner, presented the item and explained the issues and the plan. He answered questions asked by the members. Discussion included grading, runoff and vegetation.

R. Warnock moved to approve the plan with the recommendation of adding a riparian buffer zone planting plan to reduce runoff into the brook. S. Fellows seconded. Vote: All in favor

- B.** City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Stephanie Retrosi, Map L, Lot 114 zoned R-20 located at 318 Dover Point Road. Proposal is to construct permanent shore stabilization resulting in approximately 1,113 s.f. of permanent impacts and 2,015 s.f. of temporary impacts, overlapping within the Wetland Protection and Conservation Districts. (COND-2026-0024)

There was no one present to address the application. The committee members noted they would like more information provided when the item is presented. M. Edgecomb will reach out to the applicant.

S. Fellows moved to continue the item to the next meeting. R. Warnock seconded. Vote: All in favor



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6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

M. Edgecomb noted one letter received from DES regarding 191 Spur which was mistakenly denied but is now approved.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. By laws

M. Edgecomb highlighted the changes to the by laws. Discussion ensued about non-residents having the opportunity to speak during Citizens Forum or by vote.

S. Fellows moved to adopt the revised by laws as presented. R. Atwood seconded. Vote: All in favor

B. Handbook

Members gave some suggestions for additional edits.

T. Fargo moved to approve the handbook with the edits presented and changes discussed tonight. R. Warnock seconded. Vote: All in favor

8. ADJOURNMENT

S. Fellows moved to adjourn. R. Atwood seconded. Vote: All in favor

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.