



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room - 288 Central Avenue Dover NH
Meeting Date: Monday, November 8, 2010
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill McCann (Chair), Marcia Gasses, Al Lobdell, Lauren Jacoby, Deborah Calabro, Jim Sorbello

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner); Allan Krans (General Legal Counsel); Dean Peschel (Environmental Projects Manager)

The meeting was convened by the Chair at 5:30 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES

Sorbello moved to approve the April 12, 2010 and October 12, 2010 minutes as presented, Gasses seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Calabro arrived at 5:35 PM.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Informational update from Dean Peschel, City of Dover, on Tolend Road Landfill activity.

Peschel gave a history of the landfill and superfund. The agreed upon solution did not involve a cap, but did include a groundwater collection system. Soils in the ditch around the landfill are tested for arsenic levels. Soil has to be removed from the site and taken to the Turnkey landfill or a hazardous waster site depending on the contamination level. Work will begin this fall. A sewer line will be constructed from the landfill to the sewer line at Cornerstone Crossing. The crossing of the Cochecho River will include a pipe bridge with a pedestrian access.

B. NHDES Wetlands Bureau Permit by Notification for City of Dover, Assessors Map 23, Lot 15, zoned Central Business District, located at Henry Law Park, Henry Law Avenue. Replacement of a drainage pipe and repair of a retaining wall along the Cochecho River.

Dean Peschel was present to explain the application. This project involves repairing a drainage pipe and a retaining wall along the Cochecho River that were damaged during a rain storm. A new culvert will be installed after the pouring of a concrete wall. It is a minor impact, with most of the work involving restoring the retaining wall.

After a brief discussion, Gasses motioned to endorse the application. Sorbello seconded. Vote: Unanimous. The Chair signed the applications so that they could be filed with the City Clerk.

C. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit and NHDES Minimum Impact Expedited Permit for Sawyers Mill Associates (Agent: Duncan Mellor, Waterfront Engineers, LLC), Assessors Map 16, Lot 13, zoned R-12, located at 1 Mill Street.

Duncan Mellor was present to represent the applicant. Proposal is to impact 144 square feet of riverbank within the Conservation District for the installation of rip-rap stabilization at the south



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end of the dam. Repair is being ordered by the Dam Bureau, which doesn't allow vegetation. The repair has to be completed by the end of the year. The impact is 24 lineal feet of river bank.

Gasses motioned to endorse the application. Lobdell seconded. Vote: Unanimous. The Chair signed the applications so that they could be filed with the City Clerk.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – NONE

4. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Conservation Commission Bylaws and RSA 91-A with General Legal Counsel.

Members were concerned that the sections on being Dover citizens and being a member of the Planning Board were proposed to be removed. Attorney Krans stated that he agreed with leaving those two items in. Bird will prepare a final version for distribution prior to the next meeting.

Attorney Krans gave a brief presentation on the right to know law and RSA 91-A and answered some general questions from members.

B. Discussion of request from Planning Director for review of land use regulations by Conservation Commission

Bird distributed copies of the memo from the Planning Director, who is asking for input from land use board members on land use regulation changes. Members were asked to review the regulations and bring any ideas to the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Lobdell motioned to adjourn at 6:37 PM. Jacoby seconded. Vote: Unanimous