



**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, January 10, 2011  
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill McCann (Chair), Marcia Gasses, Lauren Jacoby, Deborah Calabro, Bill Hunt, Cora Quisumbing-King

**STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Bird (City Planner)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bob Prokop

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

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES

Gasses moved to approve the December 13, 2010 minutes as presented, Jacoby seconded. Vote: Unanimous

### 2. NEW BUSINESS

McCann said he was going to delay item A until after item B, unless any one objected.

**B.** City of Dover Conditional Use Permit and NHDES Dredge and Fill Permit for Paul and Bonnie Lamson (Agent: Robert Prokop, Wetland Consulting Services), Assessors Map 7, Lot 13-B, zoned R-20, located at 33A Boston Harbor Road.

Bob Prokop was present to explain the application to the Commission. The proposal is to impact 750 square feet of tidal area (300 temporary, 450 permanent) for the installation of stone rip rap along a 70-foot section of eroding riverbank on Little Bay within the Conservation District. Additionally, a gravel driveway would impact 320 square feet within the Conservation District and a 330 square foot dock system including a ramp and float is proposed.

Gasses explained that this project is possible because the lot contains an existing house and deck. Quisumbing-King asked if the neighbors support the project. Prokop showed letters of support from abutters that are in the wetlands application. Gasses asked about silt fencing. Prokop showed where the silt fence is indicated on the cross section, but it did not show on the plan. Calabro asked about the dock. Prokop said it is part of the wetlands application. Gasses asked about lot coverage. Prokop indicated that the proposed impervious coverage is 19.25%. Gasses was concerned that the plan does not reduce impervious surface. Prokop stated it is 28 square feet less because of the smaller deck. Gasses wanted to insist on adequate erosion control. Calabro asked if the deck could be made even smaller and Prokop said it is allowed under the Shoreland Protection rules.

Hunt motioned to endorse the application with the condition that proper erosion and sediment control measures be added to the plan. Gasses seconded. Vote: 5 in favor, 1 opposed (Calabro)



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### A. Annual Nominations and Election of Officers for 2011

Gasses and McCann both indicated that they agreed to run for office again if no one else was interested. After a discussion on if the Secretary position should be filled, Hunt agreed to put his name in for the position. McCann asked if there were any other members interested in running. Calabro nominated McCann for Chair, Gasses for Vice Chair, and Hunt for Secretary. Jacoby seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous

### 3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – NONE

4. **OLD BUSINESS** – McCann will contact the City Clerk's office again to check on the status of the appointment of Jacoby.

Bird distributed the revised copies of the adopted Conservation Commission Bylaws.

### 5. OTHER BUSINESS

#### A. Discussion of Current Wetland Buffer Marking Requirements Per Chapter 170-27.1-D-1-c.

Bird discussed the current standards for the marking of wetland buffers, which were added to the Wetland Ordinance in 2009, after being reviewed by a sub-committee comprised of Conservation Commission and Planning Board members. Recently the Planning Board has been discussing how to mark wetland buffers. Bird showed an example of a wetland buffer sign from Rochester that Gasses provided to him. Gasses felt that there should be a difference between temporary markers used during construction and more permanent markers used long term. Bird suggested using metal fence posts instead of wooden stakes. Commission members agreed that the City should purchase the small aluminum signs similar to what Rochester uses to delineate the wetlands buffers when development is proposed with 20 feet of the wetlands buffer. Bird indicated that the signs would be sold to landowners and developers.

Gasses made a motion to authorize an expenditure from the Conservation Fund for an amount not to exceed \$500, for the purpose of purchasing aluminum wetland buffer signs. Calabro seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Bird provided an update on the PREP Conservation Lands Inventory project and displayed a draft map of conservation lands prepared by the consultant, Chris Kane.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

Gasses motioned to adjourn at 6:47 PM. Quisumbing-King seconded. Vote: Unanimous