



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room - 288 Central Avenue Dover NH
Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marcia Gasses (Vice Chair), Lauren Jacoby, Jim Sorbello, Deborah Calabro, Cora Quisumbing-King, Bill Hunt

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Chris Berry, John Goudreault, Bob Stowell, Dean Peschel, Doug Larosa, Chad Kageleiry, John Sullivan, Bob Paolini, Dave Paolini, Jim Schulte

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

1. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES

Sorbello moved to approve the March 14, 2011 minutes as presented, Quisumbing-King seconded. Vote: Unanimous

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit and NHDES Dredge and Fill Permit for STF Development (Agent: Berry Surveying & Engineering), Assessors Map I, Lot 18-1, zoned RM-SU & R-20, located on Durham Rd.

Chris Berry of Berry Surveying & Engineering reviewed the proposal to impact 3,218 sq. ft. of wetland area (146 sq. ft. permanent impact, 3,072 sq. ft. temporary impact) and impact to 35,610 sq. ft. of wetland buffer (8,161 sq. ft. permanent impact, 32,799 sq. ft. temporary impact) for the installation of a driveway and parking spaces and widening an existing driveway. Some work was done without a permit and some is proposed as part of the new development. Driveway is being widened from 18 feet to 24 feet. Red maples are being proposed to be planted in the impacted buffers. Bird explained the difference between jurisdictional wetlands and buffers. Applicant has not filed a state wetlands application yet. This project is appearing before the Technical Review Committee on Thursday. There was a discussion on the width of the road versus wetland impacts.

Gasses recommended a site walk to view the site. The Planning Board maybe having a site walk in the future or the Commission could do one on their own. A decision was made to wait until the Planning Board schedules a site walk and attend that.

Sorbello motioned to table the application to have a site walk. Jacoby seconded. Vote: Unanimous

- B. Permit by Notification for NH Department of Fish & Game (Agent: Kevin Gagne, FST Engineers) at Willand Pond boat ramp, Assessor's Map 40, Lot 17, zoned B-3, located on New Rochester Road.

John Goudreault of FST Engineering discussed the proposal to make emergency repairs to Willand Pond boat ramp that was damaged by ice. He explained the work to be done. They want to get the repairs done by April 23rd, the first day of trout season. In response to a question from Hunt, Goudreault stated that the work would take only one day.

Hunt motioned to endorse the application. Jacoby seconded. Vote: Unanimous.
Vice Chair Gasses signed the application and returned it to the applicant.



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- C. Preliminary consultation with Fortuna North, LLC (Agent: Trittech Engineering Corporation), Assessors Map D, Lot 17C, zoned B-4, located on Sixth Street. Proposal is to impact 28,000± sq. ft. of wetlands to relocate drainage ditches for a commercial development.

Bob Stowell of Trittech Engineering was present to discuss a concept plan for a development at the corner of Indian Brook Drive and Sixth Street. He will have to come back once a formal plan has been prepared. The property has pale green orchards on the site and a management plan was approved as part of a previous development. The wetlands are old farm ditches and a low quality. Stowell showed aerial photographs of the site. DES wanted the cumulative wetland impacts to be looked at. Mitigation is required for the proposed impacts and DES has asked the applicant to mitigate on the City property on River Street. Dean Peschel explained the mitigation proposal. The City had received an emergency wetlands permit to place rip rap along the riverbank to control erosion, but some resource agencies were concerned about the impacts and asked for mitigation. Members discussed the need for a site walk. A site walk was scheduled for April 25th at 5:30 PM. People should park at the corner of Heather Land and Sixth Street.

- D. NHDES Dredge and Fill Permit for City of Dover (Agent: GeoInsight, Inc.), Assessor's Map B, Lot 20, zoned R-40, located at County Farm Road (Owner: Strafford County).

Peschel was present to discuss a proposal is to temporarily impact 9,800 sq. ft. of wetlands to construct a sewer line from the Tolend Road Landfill to the municipal sewer line at Cornerstone Crossing. This is part of the remediation plan for the Tolend Road landfill. The sewer line will be a force main to a point and then gravity through Cornerstone Crossing. This will allow the residents in the subdivision to tie in. Calabro asked who has reviewed the potential impacts of the contaminants on the wastewater treatment plant. Peschel explained that the EPA has reviewed and approved the plan and the City personnel at the plant have analyzed the potential impacts.

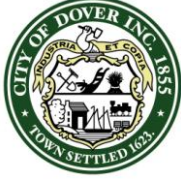
Sorbello motioned to endorse the application. Jacoby seconded. Vote: Four in favor, one opposed (Calabro).

- E. Dean Peschel – City of Dover – Berry Brook Restoration Project

Peschel distributed a flyer explaining the project. City partnered with the UNH Stormwater Center. City has received 3 grants to fund best management practices. The first project is to construct a gravel wetland on the Lowell Avenue parcel to clean the parking lot runoff from Hannaford plaza. Second phase is to restore 1,000 feet of stream. They are also creating rain gardens at Horne Street School.

Vice Chair Gasses left the meeting at 6:50 PM to attend the Planning Board meeting. Hunt assumed the Chair.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – NONE



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4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Morrison Lane Conservation Easement Monitoring

Bird informed the Commission that an easement monitoring visit needed to be scheduled for the Morrison Lane Conservation Easement. He has contacted the president of the homeowner's association, Charles Alty and there are two dates that may work – April 21st and May 5th at 5:30 PM. The Commission members decided that May 5th was best. Bird will contact Mr. Alty to confirm.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Discussion regarding FY2012 municipal budget

Bird informed the members that the Conservation Commission may be asked to increase the commitment from the Conservation Fund to support the Planning position. More will be known after the budget is released.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Calabro motioned to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Sorbello seconded. Vote: Unanimous