



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, May 14, 2012
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Lauren Jacoby, Ron Hebert, Cora Quisumbing-King, Deborah Calabro

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT:

The meeting was convened by Chair Hunt at 5:30 PM. Hunt stated that Gasses and Perron have excused absences.

1. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES

Quisumbing-King moved to approve the April 9, 2012 minutes as presented, Jacoby seconded. Vote: Unanimous

2. OLD BUSINESS- NONE

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. NHDES Permit by Notification for Andra Welch, Assessor's Map 7, Lot 12-A, zoned R-20, located at 25 Boston Harbor Road.

The applicant, Andra Welch was not present to explain the proposal.

Since the application had been submitted to the City Clerk more than 25 days ago, the period for Conservation Comment had passed. The Conservation Commission took no action.

- B. NHDES Permit by Notification for Kevin Clifford, Assessor's Map 7, Lot 4, zoned R-20, located at 7 Boston Harbor Road.

Hunt reported that this application has been withdrawn. The applicant found out that he will have to apply for a regular dredge and fill permit after talking with Dori Wiggin of DES.

4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- A. Distribution of copies of the 2012 Conservation and Open Space Chapter

Bird distributed copies of the adopted master plan chapter for members. Hunt served on the steering committee that worked on the chapter. This chapter should be a good resource for members and contains some recommendations for the Conservation Commission to follow up on. Members talked about how to follow up on the recommendations. Hunt and Bird will make sure these items are addressed at future meetings. One idea was to have a joint meeting with the Open Lands Committee to discuss improving coordination and communication.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Hebert stepped down on the next agenda item.



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A. Discussion of Washington Highlands Easement Management Plan

Hunt: We have received the management plan from the Washington Highlands association on May 3, 2012. Copies were sent to members by e-mail.

Bird: I would urge each member to read the plan carefully to see if it fulfills your expectations for the management of the conservation easement property.

Quisumbing-King: Will cutting invasive species once a year control their spread?

Bird: For most invasive species, you have to actually remove the plant, root and all to eradicate it.

Hunt: Some invasive species can be controlled through the use of chemical treatment.

Jacoby: There needs to be more education to let the public and landowners know about the control of invasive species.

Quisumbing-King: Will management plan address the issue with the manicured lawns being expanded?

Bird: That is a good question for the association representative. You should try to develop all questions for the next meeting.

Quisumbing-King: Who will monitor the adherence with complying with the management plan?

Hunt: Who will delineate in the field the areas not to be mowed?

The members asked Bird to draft a letter to send to the association thanking them for the plan and to indicate that the Commission will be studying the plan to see if it addresses the issues identified during the easement monitoring visit.

Hunt: We will put this on the June agenda for detailed discussion. Please study the plan and write down any questions that you might have.

Hebert rejoined the Commission.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Quisumbing-King motioned to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Calabro seconded. Vote: Unanimous