



**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, April 9, 2012  
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Hunt (Chair), Lauren Jacoby, Ron Hebert, Kevin Perron, Cora Quisumbing-King

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Zach Taylor

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

### 1. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES

*Quisumbing-King moved to approve the March 12, 2012 minutes as presented, Hebert seconded. Vote: Unanimous*

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. NHDES Permit by Notification for John Gesek (Agent: Zachary Taylor, Riverside and Pickering Marine Contractors) Assessor's Map L, Lot 30, zoned R-20, located at 127 Spur Road.

Zach Taylor of Riverside and Pickering Marine Contractors was present to explain the proposal which is to conduct work adjacent to the Bellamy River in a tidal wetland to replace 6 existing creosote timber pilings on a fixed pier with new pressure treated pilings in the same locations.

Bird: Does the pier remain in place during the winter?

Taylor: Yes and it could be impacted by ice.

Perron: How far are the piles driven into the ground and what is the life expectancy of the pilings?

Taylor: About 6 or 7 feet and the pilings are supposed to last a minimum of 25 years, but probably longer.

Quisumbing-King: Will a barge be used to do the work?

Taylor: Yes, all work will be done on a barge and there will be no impact on the shore.

Quisumbing-King: What does impaired water mean on the form?

Taylor: It means that the site is within one mile of the Piscataqua River, which is classified as impaired.

Jacoby: What are the endangered species?

Taylor explained the process that goes on with the NH Natural Heritage Bureau review.

*Jacoby motioned to endorse the application as submitted, Perron seconded. Vote: Unanimous.*

The Chair signed five applications and returned them to the applicant.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

Bird: Three of us conducted an easement monitoring visit on the Cassily property in March. The tires and trash can be cleaned up during the Cochecho River Field Day and Clean-up sponsored by Trout Unlimited and NH Fish and Game. This year's event will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR - NONE



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### 5. OTHER BUSINESS

Hebert stepped down on the next agenda item.

#### A. Update on Morrison Lane Conservation Easement Monitoring

Hunt explained that he and Bird attended a meeting with the Washington Highlands Homeowners Association and Don Keirstead of the Natural Resources Conservation Service held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The residents had many questions and concerns that we attempted to address.

Bird: No decisions were made at the meeting, but they talked about having another meeting of the association to discuss the issue further.

Bird asked Hebert if they had met.

Hebert: It looks like the possibility of working with NRCS is a dead deal. There is not enough support and people just want to leave the fields the way they are.

Hunt: We will wait to see what management plan is submitted for our review.

Hebert rejoined the Commission.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

*Quisumbing-King motioned to adjourn at 6:20 PM. Hebert seconded. Vote: Unanimous*