



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 288 Central Avenue
Meeting Date: Monday, April 11, 2016
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Cora Quisumbing-King, Tristan Donovan, Richard Erickson (5:38), Michael Joyce, Isaac Epstein (Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin McEneaney, Curtis Pratt, Erin Lambert, Ethan Cole, Laura Wernick, Brian Sullivan

The meeting was convened by Hunt at 5:32 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Donovan moved to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes, Quisumbing-King seconded. Vote: 5 yes, Epstein abstained

2. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Helen Gagnon and Raymond Bardwell, (Agent: McEneaney Survey Associates, Inc.), Assessor's Map C, Lot 39A-3, located on French Cross Road.

Kevin McEneaney was present to explain that the proposal is for construction of a driveway with a wetland buffer impact of 1,830 square feet. There are no wetland impacts, only buffer. A revised plan was distributed which shows the proposed erosion control features, including silt soxx. The lot was on the market for three years due to shared driveway requirement.

Hunt: Are shared driveways discouraged?

McEneaney: The Planning Board likes them but the owners do not.

Hunt: I would like to see that no further CUP would be required for the house development.

McEneaney: There is plenty of room for the house without needing any further relief.

Pratt: I am a Planning Board alternate. I would like to see new technology or innovative design to reduce the impact of the driveway. I would want to reduce the impacts to biodiversity and ecosystems.

McEneaney: It is only a small driveway. There is no wetland impact, only buffer impacts.

Quisumbing-King confirmed that the plan is to pave the driveway but that will be left to the buyer.

Bird: When the subdivision was approved 3 years ago, the Planning Board required that wetland buffer signs be installed at 100 foot intervals prior to the granting of a building permit to help prevent buffer encroachment during construction.

Donovan made a motion to endorse the Conditional Use Permit application, Epstein seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Quisumbing-King left the meeting at 5:45 pm.



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- B. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for the Dover School District, SAU #11 (Owner: City of Dover), (Agent: Nobis Engineering, Inc.), Assessor's Map H, Lots 11-1 & 12, located at 25 Alumni Drive.

Erin Lambert of Nobis Engineering was present to explain that this application is related to the new high school and the project has impacts to the wetland buffer for grading for stormwater. There are no new impervious surfaces, rather a reduction of 1,279 square feet of pavement in wetlands buffer.

Ethan Cole pointed out the wetlands buffer impacts on the plan. The parking lot south of Alumni Drive will be removed and replaced by tennis courts. A culvert behind the school will be replaced and that will have some buffer impact.

Lambert: The drainage will now be treated where none is treated today, so that is a substantial improvement. An AOT permit has been submitted to DES so we might have some changes from that review.

Joyce: Has you prepared your SWPPP yet?

Lambert: We have gathered background data but the contractor will be responsible for preparing the SWPPP and will review it.

Joyce: I would like to see phasing of the soil disturbance to limit erosion on such a large site.

Lambert: Yes we are having a meeting tomorrow that will include a phasing plan.

Hunt: What is the timing of the project?

Lambert: We hope to start this fall and construction will take two years. Wetland buffer impacts will be done in different phases.

Donovan: What treatment is proposed in the large parking lot?

Lambert: There is an infiltration gallery in the parking lot and two bio-retention swales.

Joyce made a motion to endorse the Conditional Use Permit application, Erickson seconded. Vote: Unanimous

4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- A. Review of Correspondence Received From NH Department of Environmental Services

Bird reviewed the following letters from the DES Wetlands Bureau:

1. Letter from NHDES to Frank Leichthammer of 15 Cote Drive regarding a request for more information on his wetlands application.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Bird distributed invitations from Exeter for a forum on May 4th on Healthy Lawns & Clean Water and from the Open Lands Committee about a Woodcock Walk on April 30th, for each member.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Epstein moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 pm, Erickson seconded. Vote: Unanimous