



CITY OF DOVER

**COCHECHO WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center Room 305, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 17, 2016**
Meeting Time: **5:30 pm**

PRESENT: Jack Mettee (Chair), Dana Lynch, Norm Fracassa, Kim Schuman, Carla Goodknight, Peg Purcell, Sean Fitzgerald, Robbie Woodburn (5:55), Matt Cox (5:50)

EXOFFICIO MEMBERS: Mayor Karen Weston, Michael Joyal, Allan Krans

STAFF: Steve Bird – City Planner, Gary Bannon – Recreation Director

OTHERS: Jennifer Martel, Rob Roseen, Sean O’Connell, Rachel Rawlinson, Dean Peschel

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm.

2. Minutes of April 19, 2016

Motion: Lynch made the motion to approve the minutes of 4/19/16, Purcell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

3. Citizens Forum: None

4. Changes to the Agenda: Bird suggested letting Bannon go first. Mettee and committee agreed.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Old Business:

A. Gary Bannon – Input on Dock Location Options

Bannon presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Bannon: Thanks for the opportunity to share my ideas. I am looking at the park with recreation program opportunities in mind. We need to look at what we want to accomplish. The park creates buffer from sea level rise and flooding. I looked at the water’s edge and what we have to work with. The dock is a key component and will make a statement to the community. I would love to see the uses grouped together in one location. I have designed a dock layout at the knuckle that includes a plaza. The dock is along the shoreline to service crew boats, tour boats, kayaks and transient boat slips. The main point is that these uses are all in the same location. The area around the sheet pile has deep water. The river is an extension of the park. Keep the area east of the knuckle natural. I am seeking to utilize the water for the best uses. It makes sense for cost and permitting reasons. We need to bring people to the river to do something.

Purcell: The dock in the B option would block the view down the river.

Weston: Where will the boathouse be located?

Bannon: As shown on the recommended scheme plan. The 400 foot distance is not an issue.

Fitzgerald: Since the docks and ramp are seasonal, where would they be stored?

Bannon: They can be removed and hauled away to be stored anywhere nearby.

Joyal: The city as the permittee would be responsible for removing the docks. If we have agreements with crew groups, we would ask for their assistance.

Fracassa: Will you share your thoughts with our consultants?

Bannon: Yes I have shared this with the consultants previously. This is a partnership and I am willing to help in any way I can.

Goodknight: These sketches will be helpful to the design team. I was not sure if we should be putting all these uses together, but it makes sense.

Mettee: Thanks for all your efforts. We need more guidance from the design team so the best option can be selected. Convince us that all these programs can co-exist on a typical day.

Purcell: Can we have a site visit to see how it all fits? Have a shell there so we can see the scale and put some cones to show the locations of the various docks and plaza.

Bannon: We can arrange to have shells there for a site visit.

Woodburn: We need to let the design team prepare sketches of Bannon's options that we could have in hand during the site visit.

Martel: In the field mockups are good but we have too many options now. A 3-D model of the site is another option.

Lynch: Have some sketches prepared and stake out the site.

Woodburn confirmed with Bannon that the float is 120 feet long to accommodate two shells on each side, but that it could be built in stages.

Cox: What will the level of usage be for the site? How many people will use the site at any one time?

Bannon: The gundalow that is currently stored near the bulkhead should be moved by early June.

Mettee: We need sketch options to look at for the June meeting and then we can go to the site the same night. We need to talk logistics of the meeting and look at tides for that date.

Woodburn checked the tide charts on her phone and confirmed that it would be almost high tide.

B. Rob Roseen & Jennifer Martel – Update on Pre-Permitting Meetings with State and Federal Agencies

Jennifer Martel of Ironwood presented a brief update on what has been happening since last meeting.

Martel: We are missing some crucial contour information along the shore that we need for the dock permit. We need to do a field survey for eel grass and endangered species. We met with members of the rowing community and made some changes to dock design based on their input. The ramp has been increased to 8 feet with 10 feet preferred and widened at the turn. We added kayak ramp and made it ADA accessible. The rare plant species survey has to be done when the plant is flowering which is the end of June.

Roseen: The petroleum sampling plan has been approved by DES and Stantec will be out there soon. The Remedial Action Plan will need additional detail discussed tonight to be completed.

Bird: I spoke with Dave Price of DES Wetland today and he was supportive of having a second pre-permitting meeting once we have collected the field data. He will invite representatives from US Fish and Wildlife and Army Corps of Engineers to attend. He favors the one dock location option because it lessens impacts to resources, but he agreed that a dock permit will be granted. He cannot locate any permit for the sheet pile wall. We may need to have the wall reviewed by structural engineer to assess the long-term viability of reusing it for a dock location.

7. New Business: None

8. Committee member comments: None

9. Adjournment: Mettee declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.