

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, June 13, 2016
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Cora Quisumbing-King, Tristan Donovan, Brian Sullivan

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Steven Riker, Peter Strachan, Ann Whitney

The meeting was convened by Hunt at 5:37 PM.

Hunt welcomed new regular member, Brian Sullivan.

1. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Donovan moved to approve the April 11, 2016 minutes, Quisumbing-King seconded. Vote: Unanimous

2. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NHDES Wetlands Permit and City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Peter & Anne, (Agent: Ambit Engineering), Assessor's Map L, Lot 29, located at 125 Spur Road.

Steven Riker of Ambit Engineering and Ann Whitney, Architect, were present to explain that the proposal is for the replacement of an existing house in the same location and construction of a new garage with Accessory Dwelling Unit, with Bellamy River Conservation District impacts of 2,454 square feet for temporary impacts and 1,433 square feet for permanent impacts.

Whitney: We had to get a variance because of the build to line requirement.

Riker: We are looking for a recommendation for the Planning Board and a letter of support to NHDES. We are using pervious pavers for the driveway. A DES Shoreland permit has also been approved.

Whitney: The foundation footprint will not increase but the foundation will be raised by 16 inches to account for potential sea level rise.

Hunt: How will the holes be dug for the deck posts?

Riker: Some piece of machinery with an auger will be used to drill the post holes.

Donovan: Do you know what the groundwater level is? I would be concerned with the water level.

Whitney: I do not know the groundwater level, but the basement shows no evidence of water seepage.

Hunt confirmed that the house and garage will have gutters.

Donovan: What is the purpose of the covered walkway?

Whitney: Just to be able to go from the garage to the house and stay out of the weather.

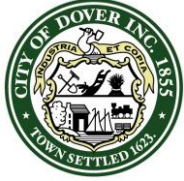
Bird explained that the garage is allowed no closer than 75 feet to the river under the provisions of the Conservation District ordinance if the Building Inspector finds that there are no other location available outside of the Conservation District and it is a lot of record. Tom Clark had said the location was approved.

Donovan made a motion to endorse the NHDES Wetlands Permit and the Conditional Use Permit application, Quisumbing-King 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:



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1. NHDES approved a wetlands permit for Robert DeColfmacker for 181 Silver Street.
2. E-mail and revised dock plans from Allen Folsom to David Price of NHDES for a dock permit for Richard and Joan Vanlandingham of 62 Waterloo Circle.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Bird distributed the following items for members:

1. A pamphlet from the NH Association of Conservation Commissions, the NH Fish and Game and the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve entitled A Guide to Planning Successful Invasive Plant Management Projects.
2. A flyer from the Strafford County Conservation District for an Erosion Control Field Day on June 28th in Rochester.
3. A flyer from the New England Stewardship Network about volunteer training for the Great Bay Summer Storm Watch on June 30th at the Jackson Estuarine Laboratory.
4. A request from the Planning Department to go on-line to take a survey for the Stewardship of Resources chapter of the master plan by July 1st. Quisumbing-King said she is on the committee and she urged members to take the time to complete the survey.

Quisumbing-King: I would suggest that we remind members to let Bird know if they can't attend the meeting so we know if we are going to have quorum problems.

Hunt agreed to send out an e-mail to follow up on that suggestion.

Hunt: We have a new alternative member – Amy Perry, who may still need to get sworn in.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Quisumbing-King moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 pm, Donovan seconded. Vote: Unanimous