



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 10, 2017
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tristan Donovan (Vice-Chair), Michael Joyce, Amy Kramer-Perry, Steve Fellows

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kristen Murphy, Anna Boudreau, Steve Riker, Chris Berry

The meeting was convened by Acting Chair Donovan at 5:32 PM and a roll call was done.

1. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Joyce moved to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes, Fellows seconded. Vote: Unanimous

2. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Presentation by Kristen Murphy, Dover Open Lands Committee, on the Woodman Park Elementary School Bird Feeder Watch Program, a NH Association of Conservation Commissions Program.

Kristen Murphy, OLC member, was present to explain the project.

Murphy: Anna Boudreau, OLC Chair is also here tonight. We received a grant to fund this program. The project developed a community connection with the school. I worked with Jill Sears, a 4th grade teacher at Woodman Park School. We installed three bird feeders in three different habitat areas. The students used coloring books for bird species and they observed and tallied the birds observed. Students learned the scientific method, and used math and writing skills. We would like to expand this to other schools if we can get volunteers. We displayed the results at a Parents Night.

Fellows and Kramer-Perry expressed an interest in volunteering in the future.

- B. NHDES Minor Impact Wetlands Permit and City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Christi Haffner, Assessor's Map 7, Lot 17-A, zoned R-20, located 45 Boston Harbor Road.

Steve Riker was present to explain the proposal to replace an existing single family house and reconfigure a driveway and parking within the 100 foot Conservation District adjacent to the tidal Little Bay. House is in rough shape. A variance is needed for the house location due to the front build to line. One driveway will be pervious blocks and we will use a stone apron drip edge. House footprint is slightly larger. The bottom floor will contain as apartment. The wetlands permit has been filed with DES. The house location lines up with adjacent house to each side.

Donovan: Did you consider making the smaller driveway pervious also?

Riker: We discussed it but in the end it was an economic decision for the owner.

Perry: Is the proposed house similar in height to the neighbors.



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Riker: Yes it is.

Bird: Just want to clarify that it is an Accessory Dwelling Unit not an apartment and that there are some older and smaller camps in the area but many have been replaced with larger houses.

Joyce made a motion to endorse the NHDES Wetlands Permit application and the City of Dover CUP, Kramer-Perry seconded. Vote: Unanimous

- C. Preliminary concept plan discussion with Chris Berry for 262 Dover Point Road, Assessor's Map L, Lot 98, zoned R-20, owned by Carabelas Realty Trust. Potential steep slope and wetland impacts.

Chris Berry was present to explain the preliminary proposal to build a new subdivision road that impacts wetlands, buffers and steep slopes. I am looking for input before the design is final. It is a 12 lot subdivision with a private road. The steep slopes impacts are primarily man-made slopes due to brick making. We want to impact a 670 square foot wetlands that is in the middle of a lot by making it into a gravel wetland to handle storm water runoff.

Donovan confirmed that he had not spoken with DES yet about the wetland impact.

Bird confirmed that the lots would be served by municipal sewer.

Donovan: We have supported similar wetland impacts if you demonstrate due diligence.

Bird: You could reduce the driveway width by using sprinklers in the houses.

Berry: Yes that may be addressed at TRC.

Joyce: Are there alternatives to the wetlands impact?

Berry: We could do a gravel wetland near the wetland in the buffer.

The Conservation Commission would be interested in doing a site walk on the property.

4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

1. Letter from Ambit Engineering to DES responding to a request for more information for Wetlands Permit for the Fritz's at 33A Boston Harbor Road.
2. Letter from DES to Adam Fogg of 25 Nute Road closing an enforcement action for a foundation drain pipe in the tidal buffer zone.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Bird stated that Brian Sullivan was appointed as a volunteer to serve on a steering committee for the new Climate Adaptation chapter of the master plan.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.