



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, December 12, 2016
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Tristan Donovan (Vice-Chair), Michael Joyce, Richard Erickson, Brian Sullivan, Amy Kramer Perry (Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Rob Roseen, Jen Martel, Marc Blumenthal, Claire Bloom, Melinda Morgan, Jody Blumenthal, Sally Evans

The meeting was convened by Hunt at 5:31 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Joyce moved to approve the November 14, 2016 minutes, Donovan seconded. Vote: Unanimous

2. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Hunt said that a group of residents had asked to speak about a concern regarding hunting on city property and he was going to allow them up to 10 minutes to speak.

Marc Blumenthal of 11 Nute Road: I am a member of the Bellamy River Conservation Collaborative and we are very concerned about hunting taking place on a city parcel known as J-3 across the river. Have seen bullets hitting the river. Property should be posted against hunting. PCA has the same concerns. Property values will suffer. The city needs to do something to protect us.

Claire Bloom of 83 Spur Road: I had hunters landing a boat on my property. Concerned about my horses and I had a cat shot by a hunter.

Other residents expressed similar concerns.

Bird: The Conservation Commission doesn't have any role in the hunting issue, it would be the City Council. I would suggest you speak with NH Fish and Game. The river is not owned by the city, but the state.

Hunt suggested they speak with their City Councilor and thanked them for attending the meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NHDES Wetlands Permit and City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for the City of Dover (Agent: Rob Roseen, Waterstone Engineers), Assessor's Map 22, Lot 1, zoned CWD, located at 31 River Street.

Rob Roseen of Waterstone Engineering was present to explain the proposal, which is to remove a 3.7 acre portion of a bluff area with a permanent wetland impact of 3,600 square feet. The wetland is a side slope seepage that low functions and values.

Jen Martel of Ironwood Group provide an overview of the whole waterfront development plan to give some context to these permits. A public park along the river is key. The paddle sports dock and bluff excavation is phase 1. We are working closely with CWDAC and the city.



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Rosen: Excavation of the bluff allows for more developable area at the elevation of River Street and for a wider park.

Hunt: What is the nature of the wetland impacted?

Rosen: The wetlands delineation and a function and value analysis for the entire parcel was completed by GZA. A Natural Heritage Bureau review has been completed.

Donovan: What are the future development plans?

Rosen: A mixed use development where the city could sell or lease development lots to private developers.

Donovan: I think the development of the waterfront is a great project for the city. I think that you have demonstrated the necessary avoidance and minimization criteria.

Joyce: The erosion and sediment control notes seem to be the standard notes with nothing specific to this project and site right next to the river.

Rosen: The sequence in excavation will help to limit any potential impacts. One key is to have adequate monitoring and inspections done during the project.

Bird: You are being asked to endorse the wetlands impact only. The bluff removal will be a separate application that will have to go through the Planning Board process.

There was discussion on if any conditions relative to site specific erosion and sediment control were necessary at this point.

Donovan made a motion to endorse the NHDES Wetlands Permit application and City of Dover CUP, Erickson seconded. Vote: Unanimous

- B. NHDES Wetlands Permit for the City of Dover (Agent: Jen Martel, Ironwood Design Group), Assessor's Map 22, Lot 1, zoned CWD, located at 31 River Street.

Jen Martel of Ironwood Group was present to explain the proposal which is to install a public dock, consisting of an 8' x 16' fixed pier, an 8' x 35' aluminum ramp with flared end and a 10' x 120' float adjacent to the tidal Cochecho River, with a permanent impact of 128 square feet and temporary impact of 1,480 square feet. The dock will include a kayak float. We conducted a topo survey down to minus 6 feet elevation and did a full plant survey. 2 species of plants were found on site. The dock location avoids those rare plants and minimizes crossing of mud flats. Float will not site on mud flats. The dock pier requires two piles and will be constructed with a barge from the river.

Kramer-Perry: I like that you are providing access to the river for the handicapped.

Donovan confirmed that the dock will be seasonal.

Erickson made a motion to endorse the NHDES Wetlands Permit application, Kramer-Perry seconded. Vote: Unanimous

4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

1. Amendment to DES Wetlands Permit for City of Dover Whittier Street Bridge issued on November 28, 2016



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2. Letter from Ambit Engineering to DES in response to a request for more information for a dock permit at 536 Middle Road.

- B. Reminder About Planning Board Land Use Board Meet and Greet – January 10, 2017 at McConnell Center Cafeteria

Hunt asked members to let Bird know if they are going to attend. It is very worthwhile.
Sullivan, Donovan, Erickson and Hunt indicated that they planned on attending.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

Bird said that new parking passes will be issued soon and you will have to turn in your old pass.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.