



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, August 14, 2017
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Tristan Donovan, Richard Erickson, Mike Joyce, Amy Kramer-Perry, John O'Connor (Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Cassandra Miller, Bill Miller, Kevin McEneaney, Kevin Lucey, Mark Wamser, Patricia Kennedy, Sally Soule, Barry Gier, Jeffrey Warschauer, Sharon Warschauer, Jay Braun, others

1. The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM and a roll call was done.

2. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Donovan moved to approve the July 10, 2017 minutes, Erickson seconded. Vote: Five in favor, O'Connor abstained

3. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NHDES Wetlands Permit for William Miller, Assessor's Map 7, Lot 12, zoned R-20, located at 27 Boston Harbor Road.

Cassandra Miller was present to explain the after the fact permit for 88 feet of 6 foot tall fence that was installed on 10/20/16, adjacent to the tidal Little Bay, with a permanent impact of 44 sq. ft. She was told by DES in Concord that the fence did not need a permit but Dave Price later told her that they did need a permit. We did not need a permit from the City for a fence.

The amount of impact and how it was calculated was discussed.

Donovan made a motion to endorse the NHDES Permit, Kramer-Perry seconded. Vote: Six in favor

- B. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Arthur and Mary Dubois, Assessor's Map L, Lot 48-A, zoned R-20, located 283 Dover Point Road.

Kevin McEneaney was present to explain the proposal to construct a residential driveway that will impact 3,964 sq. ft. of wetlands buffer. We are on the August 22nd Planning Board agenda for the subdivision and CUP. We received a variance for reduced frontage. Driveway was placed and designed to reduce buffer impacts and avoid wetlands.

Donovan: How close to the wetland is the driveway?

McEneaney: It is about 8-10 feet. It is 12 feet wide, with one foot shoulders to minimize impacts. We are adding silt sox for erosion control.

Hunt: How will the fill areas be treated after?

McEneaney: We will loam and seed it.

Donovan: What size rip rap will you use on the side slopes?

McEneaney: We did not specify that but we can.



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O'Connor: What are you adding for drainage?

McEneaney: There is no drainage planned.

Donovan: Is the wetland shown part of a larger wetland complex?

McEneaney: The wetland extends to the north but doesn't keep going past the next lot.

Hunt: What is the deepest amount of fill going to be located?

McEneaney: Not in the area of the buffer impact. In the buffer area it is 2 ½ feet deep.

Bird: Are you paving the driveway?

McEneaney: Not now but you should plan on it being paved in the future.

O'Connor made a motion to endorse the Conditional Use Permit, with the condition that the size of the rip rap be specified so that it is adequate, Donovan seconded. Vote: Six in favor

- C. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Changing Places LLC/Thornwood Commons, Assessor's Map M, Lot 4, zoned ETP, located at Thornwood Commons behind 8 & 10 Sonia Drive.

Chris Berry was not present but some of the members of the homeowners were.

Jay Braun: We have some changes we would like to see to the plan but we support the application.

There was a discussion on how to proceed without the applicant there to explain the application and to answer questions.

O'Connor made a motion to table the application, Joyce seconded. Vote: Six in favor

- D. Preliminary Consultation on a NHDES Wetlands Permit and City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Paul D'Orazio, Assessor's Map 16, Lot 13, zoned R-12, located at 1 Mill Street.

Kevin Lucey and Mark Wamser were present to explain the project that involves removal of upper and lower Sawyer Mills dams, removal of contaminated sediment and construction of an engineered channel. The project goal is to responsibly decommission aging infrastructure while restoring fish passage, reducing flood hazards, meeting dam safety requirements, improving water quality, and restoring instream and riparian habitat connectivity.

Wamser: The dam was lowered in 2012 by removing a gate to kick start vegetation growth. Sediment has built up behind dam. We will be removing most of the sediment. Dam removal will improve fish migration for alewife and river herring. We tested the sediment for contaminants and found the most concern in the middle and lower impoundments. There will be many improvements due to the dam removal.

Joyce: Have Great Bay groups been involved in the planning?

Lucey: Yes we have worked with the Nature Conservancy and Great Bay Stewards among others.

Joyce: Do you plan to do any monitoring after the removal?

Lucey: Yes we will test for water quality and fish passage. Monitoring will be done for 5 years.

Kramer-Perry: Are the pollutants you found a result of the mills?



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Lucey: No mostly from water run-off from roads.

Hunt: What is your target for beginning work?

Wamser: We are planning on July of next year.

Bird: So the process is that they are on August 22nd Planning Board agenda for the CUP. They will discuss if they want a site walk and I will make you all aware of the date. They still need to finish their wetlands application so they will be back on a future agenda for you to take a vote on the CUP and wetlands application.

- E. Preliminary Consultation on a NHDES Wetlands Permit and City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Jeffery & Sharon Warschauer, Assessor's Map 8, Lot 32, zoned R-20, located at 3 Wentworth Terrace.

Barry Gier was present to explain the proposal to demolish an existing house and build a new house within the Conservation District adjacent to the tidal Piscataqua River, and construct a new dock. The lot is served by municipal water and sewer. The existing house will be demolished and replaced by a new house in almost the same footprint and a greenhouse will be added. We will need 2 wetland permits, one for the house and one for the dock.

O'Connor ascertained that the utilities will be placed underground.

Donovan: The build to line requires the house to be closer to the road than you show it. That would move the house further from the river which is better. It would also move the impervious cover further away.

Gier: We are putting the house in the same location so I didn't think that would be an issue.

Bird: We should discuss this further with the Zoning Administrator.

Joyce: I would want to see the erosions and sediment expanded to include the lay down areas.

- F. Vote on request for expenditures from the Conservation Fund for:

1. Apple Harvest Day Expenditure for OLC Booth Rental - \$150

Bird explained annual request to enable the OLC & Community Trails Committee for booth at AHD.

Erickson made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$150 as requested, O'Connor seconded. Vote: Six in favor

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- A. Review of Correspondence Received From NH Department of Environmental Services: None

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Hunt: I will not be at the September meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.