



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 11, 2017
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tristen Donovan (Vice Chair), Richard Erickson, Steve Fellows, Robert Eckert, Amy Kramer Perry, Michael Joyce

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin McEneaney, Sherri Trefry, Ed Minerowitz, Jay Aube

1. The meeting was convened at 5:31 PM and a roll call was done.
2. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Kramer-Perry moved to approve the November 13, 2017 minutes, Fellows seconded. Vote: 6 in favor

3. OLD BUSINESS:

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Margaret Gabriel, Assessor's Map L, Lots 98 & 99, zoned R-20, located off Dover Point Road.

Kevin McEneaney was present to explain the proposal to build a 14 foot wide driveway to a proposed dwelling, with wetland buffer impacts of 1,042 square feet on lot 99 and 1,232 square feet on lot 98. Lot is landlocked with a shared driveway. Driveway will be 10-feet wide with shoulders. There is no wetlands impact. We looked at other areas for the driveway but those would have wetlands impacts.

Fellows: Describe the type of wetlands.

McEneaney: These are not high quality wetlands, mostly scrub brush vegetation.

Donovan: Do you anticipate the need for a culvert under the driveway?

McEneaney: Maybe but it would be within the 14 foot impact area so there is no additional impact.

Donovan confirmed that the driveway would likely be paved.

Joyce: Are there any additional impacts for the house construction?

McEneaney: No impacts to wetlands or buffers and it is more than 100 feet from the river.

Bird: You will still need a DES Shoreland Permit.

Erickson made a motion to endorse the City of Dover CUP, Fellows seconded. Vote: 6 in favor

- B. NHDES Wetlands Permit and City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Public Service Company of NH and Lilac Garden, LLC, Assessor's Map H, Lots 36-C & 35-D, zoned I-2 & B-4, located off Knox Marsh Road.

Sherrie Trefry and Ed Minerowitz were present to explain the proposal to upgrade the Knox Marsh Road Switching Yard by expanding a gravel pad and installing new poles, with permanent wetland impacts of 3,278 square feet, temporary wetland impacts of 1,068 square feet, and wetland buffer impacts of 1,429 square feet. They are automating the switching yard to meet current safety standards.



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Six poles will be removed and six new poles will be installed. No fencing is proposed. Sediment and erosion control will be installed.

Donovan: Why wouldn't you remove the entire pole instead of leaving the underground portion?

Minerowitz: That is what DES wants for standard practice to reduce impacts, but we could remove them if you want.

Donovan: No if that is what DES usually requires that is fine.

Kramer-Perry: What is the goal of this work?

Minerowitz: The primary goal is to make the system more reliable.

Fellows made a motion to endorse the NH DES wetlands permit and City of Dover CUP, Erickson seconded. Vote: 6 in favor

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

1. Letter to the NH Wetlands Council from Frank and Laurie Leichthammer related to the Patricia Rose appeal.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Bird informed members about the upcoming Land Use Board Meet and Greet scheduled for January 9th at 5:30 pm. An invitation will be sent soon.

Chair recognized an audience member.

Jay Aube: I am interested in joining the Conservation Commission. I have lived in Dover for a couple of years and work at DES.

Bird explained the application process and said there are two alternate positions open. Members encouraged him to sign up

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Acting Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.