



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 9, 2018
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Tristan Donovan (Vice Chair), Steve Fellows, Richard Erickson, Robert Eckert, Abby Lyon (Alternate), Jay Aube (Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Riker, Zach Taylor, Scot Filion, Rachael Filion, others

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – March 12, 2018

Fellows moved to approve the March 12, 2018 minutes, Donovan seconded. Vote: 7 in favor

3. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NHDES Wetlands Permit for Denise Whittier and Frank Locker, Assessor's Map L, Lot 111-B, zoned R-20, located at 306C Dover Point Road.

Zach Taylor was present to explain the proposal to replace an existing tidal dock. Proposed new dock would have a 4' x 15' access ramp, a 4' x 30' fixed pier, a 3' x 25' seasonal gangway, and a 10' x 20' seasonal float adjacent to the tidal Piscataqua River, with a temporary impact of 275 square feet and a permanent wetlands impact of 140 square feet. There was not enough evidence to confirm to DES that the dock was pre-existing so we filed a new dock application, which allowed the location to comply with the 20' setback requirement.

Donovan: What kind of float stop design are you using?

Taylor: The float stops will be driven into the ground to have the dock rest on them instead of mud.

Fellows: How will you remove the existing dock?

Taylor: We will use a barge and crane for removal of existing dock and to install the new dock.

Donovan made a motion to endorse the NHDES Wetlands Permit, Erickson seconded. Vote: 7 in favor

- B. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit and NHDES Wetlands Expedited Permit for Scott and Rachel Filion, Assessor's Map 7, Lot 10, zoned R-20, located at 17 Boston Harbor Road.

Steve Riker was present to explain the proposal to replace an existing residential structure and detached garage with a new house, deck and attached garage, within the 100 foot Conservation District adjacent to tidal Little Bay. Temporary wetland impacts are 2,935 square feet and permanent wetland impacts are 2,053 square feet. House was built in 1950. Trees will need to be removed. New house is no closer to the river than the existing house except for the deck which is 12 feet closer, which DES allows. Adding storm water treatment that doesn't exist now. This requires a DES Shoreland Permit.

Fellows: Why is the house setback 35 feet?

Riker: Dover has a front build to line in this district that is between 20 and 35 feet.

Donovan: Why isn't it setback 20 feet?



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Riker: We went with 35' due to the slope of the driveway and the desire not to back out onto the road.

Lyon: Explain the rationale for the placement of the rain garden.

Riker: The purpose of rain garden is to collect run off from the driveway and part of the garage. We wanted to keep it out of the 100 foot buffer. A stone drip edge will treat the run off from the house.

Aube: Stormwater management is required due to the proposed increase in impervious surface.

Hunt: Did you consider using pervious pavement for the driveway?

Riker: We did but the rain garden achieves the same goal.

Donovan: I appreciate the house being no closer than the existing house, but the deck and stairway are impacting the buffer area.

Riker: The impacts are diminimus. The mitigation for the impacts is the storm water treatment.

Donovan: Did you consider using landscaping instead of the retaining wall.

Riker: The wall is not very tall.

Aube: Is the stone drip edge designed to meet DES standards.

Riker: Yes it is.

Aube: How many trees are to be removed?

Riker: Worst case would be 13 trees.

Lyon: Is there a maintenance plan for the rain garden?

Riker: Yes it is on the detail sheet. The rain garden is oversized.

Donovan made a motion to endorse the City of Dover Conditional Use Permit and NHDES Wetlands Permit, Erickson seconded. Vote: 7 in favor

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

1. Letter from Ambit Engineering to DES Shoreland responding to request for more information for 135 Spur Road.
2. Letter from DES Wetlands to Indian Ridge at Dover, regarding closing enforcement action.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Bird distributed an e-mail from Lisa Grachian of UNH Cooperative and NH Sea Grant regarding funding opportunities and upcoming events.

Lyon: I am working with Dover High School teachers on environmental issues and they are looking for projects for their students. Can do trail brochures and GPS work for trails.

Bird: The OLC has a couple of trail brochures but could use help with using GPS for trails.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.