



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – FOREST MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: **1st Floor Conference Room** - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Fellows, Rick Schnable, Anna Boudreau, Robert Atwood, Amy Kramer-Perry

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Nolin

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:33 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Boudreau motioned to approve the 11/4/19 minutes, Schnable seconded. Vote: 5 in favor

3. DISCUSS FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN DRAFT WITH TIM NOLIN – FOREST LAND IMPROVEMENT

Bird: I had sent Nolin some of my edits and some from Boudreau, and those have been incorporated into the version I e-mailed you and in the copies here tonight. He is looking for any additional comments or corrections so the plan can be finalized.

Tim Nolin: I updated the map to add Green Hill Road and I will add the foundation location. The property needs some boundary markers. I recommend approaching the landowner of the parcel surrounded by the City land about purchasing the land, which would help not knowing the boundaries. Land overall is very wet which will make a timber harvest more difficult. It could only be done during a very cold winter. The wildlife is spectacular around the landfill, with many birds and mammals. You could do some mowing to promote habitat for the cottontail rabbit. Public access is restricted due to the contamination.

Discussed the land owned by Dover that is in Madbury but not included in report. Should that area be included in the plan? Consensus was that this is the time to make that change. We could do a change order to contract if Nolin can give Bird a price quote. We will need to get approval from Conservation Commission for the additional expenditure from Conservation Fund. Bird to work with Purchasing Agent.

Discussed how to move forward if the timber harvest is not financially feasible. Could still do stand improvements to improve the forest health and create improved wildlife habitat. A benefit will be the building of access roads, which is a significant expense. Recreational trails to access the reservoir would be nice, with some viewing platforms. Try to reclaim the land for some public benefit.

Plan is very well written, using non-technical language. Discussed the benefits of creating a City Forest.

4. DISCUSS SCHEDULING MEETING WITH CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL

Discussed updating the Conservation Commission on February 10th on the report and the desire to expand the area into Madbury with a change order, with the plan to be approved at the March 9th meeting. City Council presentation could be a workshop or regular meeting, including Nolin presentation.

Discussed street trees and need to add to next agenda. We will check in with AJ Dupere and John Storer.

5. SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Committee set Monday, March 2 at 5:30 pm as the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Fellows declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.