

CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: **1st Floor Conference Room** - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, February 11, 2019
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Tristan Donovan, Robert Atwood, Amy Kramer Perry, Abby Lyon, Jason Aube (Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner), Bill Boulanger (Deputy Community Services Director)

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Saucier, Britt Eckstrom, Michael Hodge, Sandra Hodge, Rick Schnable, Roy Josselyn, others

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – January 14, 2019

Donovan moved to approve the January 14, 2019 minutes, Fellows seconded. Vote: 6 in favor, Lyon abstained

3. OLD BUSINESS:

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. NHDES Expedited Wetlands Permit for the City of Dover, Assessor's Map M, Lot 47-B, zoned R-12, located at 87A Gerrish Road.

Rebecca Saucier and Britt Eckstrom of Wright-Pierce were present to explain the upgrades to the Varney Brook Pump Station, including excavation for installation of electrical duct banks and replacement of existing power pole, replacement of existing force main by-pass assembly, removal of existing chain link fence post foundations and replacement of existing water main, with a temporary tidal buffer zone impact of 1,850 square feet.

Lyon: The plans indicates you plan to install silt fencing and other methods. What are the other methods?

Eckstrom: The contractor will likely use waddles.

Lyon: The plan lists various invasive species. Will any of them be impacted?

Eckstrom: None of the work is in those areas.

Fellows: From reading your application, it appears that you have met the criteria of demonstration of need and avoidance of impacts.

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

The Chair signed five copies of the application and returned them to the applicant.

- B. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Michael and Sandra Hodge, Assessor's Map 25, Lot 66-1, zoned R-12, located at 1 Deer Creek Run.

Michael & Sandra Hodge were present to explain the proposal for an addition to a house and an expanded driveway, with a total net of 177 sq. ft. of additional 50 foot wetland buffer impact. We have pulled out invasive species from the wetland area over the last 20 years and planted native plants. The house addition is located over part of the current driveway so the increase in impervious surface is small. The lawn in the buffer has existed since we bought the house. A small stream in the wetland runs down to a culvert and then to a city catch basin.

Kramer-Perry: What kind of driveway material will you use for the addition?

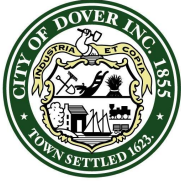
M. Hodge: We will use regular pavement to match the existing driveway.

Hunt: You should consider pervious pavement instead.

Lyon: Where does the catch basin go?

M. Hodge: Not sure but it is part of the city system.

Donovan: How was the wetlands boundary determined for the plan?



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S. Hodge: We used the wetlands from the original subdivision plan.

Donovan: You are very close to the wetlands with the driveway. I think we should insist on pervious pavement.

Aube: They could use stormwater management techniques to handle the runoff from the roof and driveway. Things like infiltration trenches, drywells, and dripline infiltration would work.

Lyon: DES has a stormwater management guide for homeowners that is very helpful.

Donovan: I would like to see the plan before it goes to Planning Board.

Aube: I would be okay with them choosing one or more stormwater techniques and calculating that they handle the increase in runoff, which is very small.

Bird: They need to make their choice and do the calculations and submit that information so the Planning Board and staff can see that it works to meet your intent.

Aube made a motion to endorse the Conditional Use Permit, with the condition that the applicant use a stormwater technique that infiltrates the runoff from the increase in impervious area, Lyon seconded. Vote: 7 in favor

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Update on Forest Management of City-owned Parcels

Bird: I met with John Storer last week to narrow down the list of city owned parcels that might be good for forest management. Here is that list of 30+ parcels including 6 that are in neighboring communities and an article about the economic benefits of community forests. You had talked about forming a sub-committee.

Hunt asked for volunteers to serve on the sub-committee and Fellows, Kramer-Perry and audience member Rick Schnable volunteered.

Fellows: One of the first things we need to do is to develop an understanding of what forest management means.

Kramer-Perry: We could contact DHS to see if they have students in forestry clubs that would want to be involved.

Bird will organize a meeting of the sub-committee and John Storer in the next couple of weeks.

B. Discussion on Update of Land Protection Criteria to Account for Climate Change by OLC

Bird: We met with Kyle Pimental from SRPC to discuss incorporating climate change into the criteria that OLC uses to assess properties under consideration for protection. Looking for Conservation Commission feedback. I will put this on the next agenda for more discussion.

C. Full Moon Snowshoe Hike – Sponsored by the Open Lands Committee – Saturday, 2/16/19 at 6:30 PM – Cassily Conservation Land – off Hillside Drive

Bird passed around flyers about the event that will be held if we have enough snow by Saturday.

Bird passed around information on a workshop on 3/14 on social science for municipal managers in Greenland.

Bird: The city is working on the budget and wants input on the value of membership in the NHACC. The annual fee is around \$1,000. Think about it and let me know your thoughts at the March meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.