



**CITY OF DOVER**

## DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: **McConnell Center Room 305** – 61 Locust Street, Dover NH  
Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2018  
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Hunt (Chair), Tristan Donovan (Vice Chair), Robert Atwood, Richard Erickson, Abby Lyon, Jason Aube (Alternate), Zach Schmidt (Alternate)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Bird (City Planner)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Marcia Gasses (City Council Liaison), Jamie Roberge, Frank Luther, Steve Riker, Rick Schnable

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – September 10, 2018

*Donovan moved to approve the September 10, 2018 minutes, Erickson seconded. Vote: 6 in favor, Lyon abstained*

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

Hunt: We have a citizen that would like to ask a question and if there is no objection, I will let him speak now.

Rick Schnable: I have been impressed by the street trees in Dover, especially along Silver Street and near the police station. I am wondering who is responsible for maintaining the trees and replacing them.

Bird: That would be Facilities & Grounds within the Community Services Department. There is also a plan to replace the street trees in the downtown.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. NHDES Standard Wetlands Permit for the Brickyard Estates of Dover, Assessor's Map M, Lot 90-D-9, zoned R-40, located off Isaac Lucas Circle.

Jaime Roberge of Piscataqua Landscaping was present to explain the application for an after the fact installation of 800 feet of one inch poly water pipe to provide water to HOA dock with no wetland impact, but 520 square feet of impact within the tidal buffer zone of the Piscataqua River.

Hunt: How long ago was this work done and how did the need for a permit come up?

Luther: The pipe was installed in 2014 using a machine that sliced the turf and pulled the pipe with a minimum of disturbance.

Roberge: The previous owner of our company said that they would handle the permitting but that didn't happen. We are trying to fix the issue.

Erickson: Since this was done years ago and there is no impact, I don't see any issue.

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

B. NHDES Standard Wetlands Permit and City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Kimberly Wesson Revocable Trust, Assessor's Map 8, Lot 3, zoned R-20, located at 407 Dover Point Road.

Steve Riker of Ambit Engineering was present to explain the proposal for the repair and replacement of 113 feet of existing granite block wall and stone revetment, with temporary tidal wetland impacts of 751 sq. ft. and 1,796 sq. ft. of tidal buffer zone and Conservation District impacts adjacent to Little Bay. We were here last year for a dock permit. Wall is only 18 inches wide. Repairs to the wall appear to have been done over time, likely without a permit. We will be adding a geotextile fabric under stones. Also adding a 590 sq. ft. area of native shrub planting along the southern property line for screening.

Donovan: Will the existing granite blocks be reused?

Riker: We will use as many of them as possible and they will be dry laid.



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Hunt: Are you changing the pitch of the wall?

Riker: No we will maintain the same slope.

Hunt: Will work be done from the land?

Riker: That is the plan but Riverside does have a barge so that could be used but it is very expensive.

Lyon: Have you considered future sea level rise impacts on the wall and adding more planting along the shore instead of lawn?

Riker: The wall elevation is 3 feet higher than flood stage so there is some freeboard. We are adding some native shrubs on one side.

*Donovan made a motion to endorse the NHDES Standard Wetlands Permit and City of Dover Conditional Use Permit, Schmidt seconded. Vote: 6 in favor, Lyon opposed.*

### 5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

- Various letters from DES to Sawyer Mill Associates regarding plan revisions and enforcement actions of DES.
- DES Wetlands Permit to City of Dover for Spruce Lane sidewalk.
- DES letter to Electrocraft NH of 1 Progress Drive regarding wetland restoration report.
- Appeal to DES Wetlands Council of permit issued to Leichthammers of 15 Cote Drive by abutter Patricia Rose, permittee's response and DES letter approving restoration plan
- Received minutes of 9/17/18 from Cochecho River Local Advisory Committee

#### B. Request for Joint Meeting with Dover Open Lands Committee and Amanda Stone of UNH Cooperative Extension for presentation on updated Coastal Conservation Plan

Bird stated that Amanda Stone would like to update the Commission and other boards on the updated Coastal Conservation plan prepared by the Nature Conservancy. The OLC will discuss this also at their meeting on Thursday, but the dates that would work for Stone are 11/26, 11/28, 12/3, 12/4 or 12/6. The only date that would not work for members is 12/4. Bird will let them know after OLC meeting this Thursday.

### 6. OTHER BUSINESS:

#### A. Report on NH Association of Conservation Commission Annual Meeting and Conference

Bird stated that Steve Fellows had attended and prepared some notes that were sent out. Lyon also attended a session on basic information for Conservation Commissions and one on working with schools. Aube attended as a presenter on enforcing wetland laws and attended a session on solar installations.

#### B. Bird asked members if they had a chance to complete the questions from UNH student or wanted to be interviewed. No one had completed the questions but Lyon volunteered to be interviewed by the student.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.