



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: Monday, April 1, 2019
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

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

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner), John Storer (Community Services Director)

OTHERS PRESENT: Andy Fast

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Schnable motioned to approve the 3/4/19 minutes, Boudreau seconded. Vote: 4 in favor, with Boudreau abstaining.

3. DISCUSS FOREST MANAGEMENT WITH ANDY FAST AND JOHN STORER

Committee reviewed the goals they discussed at the last meeting.

Fast provided examples of forest management plans from Gilford and Wilton that were parcel specific. Fast will provide pdfs of other examples. There is an online tool called “itree” for urban tree inventories. Need to prioritize goals in general. Use the NH Natural Heritage Bureau to identify rare and endangered species on parcels being considered. Use Trailfinder online to look at existing trails. Think about costs.

Storer: We need an urban tree plan for our street trees. We really have no budget for planting new trees. We need an arborist. We went out to bid for downtown trees but the cost was too much.

Discussed doing timber sales to fund street trees and how the City could do a tree nursery on a City parcel.

Committee viewed an interesting forest management video from the Portland Water District.

Storer: We could invite Dean Peschel to a future meeting as he is very familiar with these parcels.

Fellows: We could also invite AJ Dupere from the Urban Forest Center to talk about street trees.

Discussed grant opportunities for forest management. Boudreau will look at Moose Plate grants and Atwood will look at Fish & Game grants.

4. REVIEW LIST OF CITY OWNED PARCELS AND MAPS

Bird displayed maps done by Elena Piekut that show the parcels on the list, with one focused on Map C. We will spend more time looking at the maps and the list at the next meeting.

5. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

Committee set May 6th at 5:30 pm as the next meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Fellows declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.