



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, June 10, 2019
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair); Steve Fellows (Vice Chair); Abby Lyon, Robert Atwood, Richard Erickson

Absent (Excused): Amy Kramer Perry

Absent (Un-excused): Jason Aube, Zach Schmidt (Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Franklin, Matthew Carroll, Roland Fellows

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – May 13, 2019

Lyon moved to approve the May 13, 2019 minutes, Fellows seconded. Vote: 3 in favor, Atwood and Erickson abstained

3. OLD BUSINESS:

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Jason Franklin (Owner: Matthew Carroll), Assessor's Map A, Lot 39-29, zoned R-40, located at 28 Fieldstone Drive.

Jason Franklin was present to explain the proposal to replace a failed septic system with a new septic system 42 feet from wetlands, where 75 feet is required. Owner tested the septic system in preparation for selling house and found that the system was failing. The wetland to the north was created after the road was built. Decided to split the difference between wetlands after consulting with Bird. Putting the system in the front yard is not desirable.

Lyon: Is the new septic system different?

Franklin: Yes the new one is an advanced enviro system that can be used within 2 feet of the water table. We will have to put in a pump.

Carroll: I am the owner and need to get this fixed as soon as possible so the house sale can happen soon due to my health issues.

Hunt: Have you spoken with DES about this location and design?

Franklin: Yes they feel this is the best location.

Erickson moved to endorse the Conditional Use Permits as presented, Fellows seconded. Vote: 5 in favor

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

Letter from DES to Margaret and William Green of 124 Dover Neck Road for amendment and time extension.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Forest Management Sub-committee Meeting Held on May 6, 2019

Fellows: The sub-committee meeting was held last week. We discussed the site walk conducted at the City parcels near Tolend Road landfill last month. The contiguous lands equal almost 200 acres. Next step is doing RFP for hiring forester, which should be done by July or August. Revenues could be used to plant street trees or fund more plans. We could put recreation trails in the area.



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- B. Discussion on Conservation Commission conducting easement monitoring visit to Washington Highlands conservation easement on Morrison Lane

Bird explained that the City holds a conservation easement on 23 acres owned by an HOA on Morrison Lane. Conservation Commission approved a management plan on October 13, 2015 after years of discussions. It was a long and difficult process for many reasons. The HOA was supposed to return in one year to update you on the status of the plan but that didn't happen and I did not follow up with them. The Conservation Commission conducted an easement monitoring visit on June 4th. Since the walk I received an e-mail from John Romps listing the dates of the open space mowing over the last four years.

Hunt: We should check on what mowing was done at the end of the fall.

Lyon: The report should say that the area north and west of the bridge near the sewer manhole shall not be mowed regularly, but only twice a year. We should ask them to flag the area east of the stream on the north side of the bridge to create more of a natural buffer along the stream.

Bird: I will prepare a map depicting those areas to go with the report to be sent to the HOA.

Bird informed the Commission of an amendment that the City Council made to Chapter 5 that deals with vacancies on boards and commissions. If a member is absent for 4 consecutive meetings or 4 regular meetings in 12 months, a vacancy is created. Chair can excuse the absence for good cause. Make sure to let the Chair know if you are going to be absent so the minutes can reflect it as an excused absence.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.