



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: **First Floor Conference Room** - 288 Central Avenue, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, March 9, 2020
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Abby Lyon, Jason Aube, Richard Erickson, Amy Kramer-Perry, Piper Bartlett-Browne (Alternate)

Absent (Excused): Robert Atwood (Secretary), Zach Schmidt (Alternate)

Absent (Un-excused):

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Lindsey Williams (City Council Liaison), Kristopher Wilkes, Dave Cloutier, Dennis Moran, others

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – February 10, 2020

Fellows moved to approve the February 10, 2020 minutes, Kramer-Perry seconded. Vote: 5 in favor, Lyon and Bartlett-Browne abstained

3. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. NHDES Permit by Notification for Sawyer Mills Associates, Inc. c/o Paul D'Orazio, Assessor's Map 16, Lot 13, zoned R-12, located at 1 Mill Street.

Kristopher Wilkes and Dave Cloutier of VHB were present to explain the proposal for in-kind repairs to an existing and deteriorating pedestrian bridge at the Sawyer's Mill Apartments. The bridge is an enclosed pedestrian walkway connecting two apartment buildings over the Bellamy River. The temporary placement of jacks in the river to support building will create 8 sq. ft. of temporary river impact. Timber beams are rotting and need to be replaced. Up to 12 jacks will be installed by hand. These are temporary impacts. No dewatering needed.

Hunt: Is channel bedrock?

Wilkes: Yes the sediment was removed earlier.

Hunt: How much water moves through there and what is construction schedule?

Cloutier: The range is between 3 and 200 cubic feet per second, with a median of 40. Construction will start as soon as possible and should take six weeks.

Fellows: I saw that netting will be use to catch any debris that falls. What is life expectancy of repairs?

Dennis Moran: I am owner's agent. The original bridge was built in 1850's and repairs done in 1930.

Lyon moved to endorse the NHDES Permit by Notification as presented, Fellows seconded. Vote: 7 in favor

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

B. Review and Discussion of Forest Stewardship Plan for City Parcels off Tolend Road, Prepared by Forest Land Improvement, Inc.

Fellows: Plan has been revised to include the extra parcel in Madbury. The forest is white pine that is fully stocked. Two landing pads are shown. Low impact public trail use might work coming through



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Madbury, but access from Tolend Road is very wet. Landfill is best wildlife habitat. Harvest is best done in deep freeze during winter.

Discussed the potential acquisition of the Leighton parcel which is surrounded by City property.

Next steps are the Conservation Commission adopting the plan and a presentation to the City Council. Need to discuss how the proceeds from a timber harvest could be reallocated to fund additional forest management plans or other tree related projects like street trees. Council meeting will have to wait until after budget season is over.

Fellows moved to accept the Forest Stewardship Plan as prepared by Tim Nolin, Lyon seconded. Vote: 7 in favor

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

- Permit dated 3/2/20 from DES to Chad and Heather Holleman of 21 Nute Road
- 2019 Annual Report from Strafford County Conservation District

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Update on Forest Management Sub-committee Meeting Held on March 2, 2020

Already cover above.

B. Review and Completion of NH Association of Conservation Commission Annual Survey 2020

Bird: I sent you all this survey that I would like to get completed tonight so it can be sent back.

Members reviewed each question and came to a consensus for each. Bird will compile and send to NHACC.

Lyon: There are two workshops coming up on March 30 and 31 at the Seacoast Science Center for the Coastal Flood Risk Guidance Trainings. I would encourage you to attend if you can.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.