



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: **Second Floor Conference Room** - 288 Central Ave., Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, July 13, 2020
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Hunt (Chair), Steve Fellows (Vice Chair), Jason Aube, Robert Atwood (Secretary), Amy Kramer-Perry, Abigail Lyon (via telephone)

Absent (Excused): Piper Bartlett-Browne (Alternate)

Absent (Un-excused): Richard Erickson

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Bird (City Planner)

OTHERS PRESENT: Lindsey Williams (City Council Liaison), Steve Riker, Cory Belden, Chad Kageleiry

1. **The meeting was convened at 5:30 PM and a roll call was done. Lyon participated by telephone so Hunt indicated that all votes would be done by roll call.**

2. **CITIZEN'S FORUM:** None

3. **APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES** – June 11, 2020

Aube requested a change to section 5-2, revise his quote to say that the right trees are important so they don't have an impact on street infrastructure.

Fellows moved to approve the June 11, 2020 minutes as amended, Atwood seconded. Roll call vote: Hunt – Yes; Fellows – Yes; Atwood – Yes; Lyon – abstained; Aube – Yes; Kramer-Perry – Yes; motion passes 5-0, with Lyon abstaining

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. NHDES Standard Wetlands Permit for Paul Maloney, Maloney Family Revocable Trust of 2012 (Agent: Steve Riker, Ambit Engineering, Inc.), Assessor's Map N, Lot 20-5, zoned R-40, located at 37 Mallard Lane.

Steve Riker was present to explain the proposal to modify an existing dock adjacent to the tidal Cochecho River. Modified dock would shorten permanent pier by 17.5 feet, adding a 3' x 55' seasonal gangway, and reinstalling a 6' x 20' landing float and a 10' x 20' main float, with a permanent tidal wetlands impact of 537.5 square feet. The dock and the batter piles were damaged by ice. Overall the dock will be pulled back by 2.5 feet.

Fellows: How is the amount of impact measured?

Riker: The 537 square feet is the area being reconfigured but it really is less footprint.

Hunt: What design changes are being made to reduce ice impacts?

Riker: Really just making it shorter.

Fellows: It looks like one set of pilings is being removed, so that is less impact. How is that done?

Riker: They will use a barge and vibratory hammer to remove and replace the piles.

Kramer-Perry: How long are the piles?

Riker: They are about 25 feet long and they will stick out by 9 or 10 feet.

Fellows moved to endorse the NHDES Permit, Aube seconded. Roll call vote: Hunt – Yes; Fellows – Yes; Atwood – Yes; Lyon – Yes; Aube – Yes; Kramer-Perry – Yes; motion passes 6-0



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- B. NHDES Permit by Notification for Robert Baldwin of Knox Marsh Development, LLC (Agent: Steve Riker, Ambit Engineering, Inc.), Assessor's Map 7, Lot 19-B, zoned R-20, located at 55 Boston Harbor Road.

Steve Riker was present to explain the proposal for the in-kind replacement of an existing dock (4' x 20' fixed pier supported by 4 piles, a 3' x 12' gangway and a 6' x 12' float) adjacent to the tidal Boston Harbor. The work will result in 168 square feet of permanent impacts to tidal wetlands. There is no change in size or location. This is PBN application so I will be looking for a signature. A barge and crane will install piles and pier.

Fellows: How many piles are being replaced?

Riker: All of the piles are, a total of 4.

Fellows moved to endorse the NHDES Permit by Notification, Kramer-Perry seconded. Roll call vote: Hunt – Yes; Fellows – Yes; Atwood – Yes; Lyon – Yes; Aube – Yes; Kramer-Perry – Yes; motion passes 6-0

The Chair signed the original of the application and returned it to the applicant.

- C. City of Dover Conditional Use Permit for Summit Land Development (Owner: Pointe West LLC), (Agent: Cory Belden, Altus Engineering, Inc.), Assessor's Map K, Lot 19, zoned ETP, located on Pointe Place.

Cory Belden of Altus Engineering and Chad Kageleiry of Summit were present to explain the proposal to construct a mixed use development with a wetland buffer impact of 2,125 square feet for a parking lot, a wetland buffer impact of 900 square feet for a drainage outlet, and a wetlands buffer impact of 825 square feet for a public ball field. This is the fifth and final phase of the site. Some impacts are under a relocated Eversource easement that allows parking but not structures. We tried to minimize buffer impacts. One is for the driveway to provide fire access.

Kageleiry: I built and deeded to the City a ball field and the gravel parking lot.

Belden: One impact are is for the drainage infrastructure.

Aube: How will the management of the storm water system be handled?

Belden: We have prepared a detailed storm water maintenance and inspection plan that has been submitted to the City and DES.

Fellows: What is going in each of the buildings?

Belden: The two larger buildings will be mixed use and there are townhouses.

Hunt: Will the water flow go into Varney Brook?

Belden: Yes it will after it is treated first.

Kageleiry: The DES pays particular attention to these larger projects in terms of storm water.

Fellows: The project meets the criteria in terms of impacts to permit a productive use of property.

Fellows moved to endorse the Conditional Use Permit, Atwood seconded.

Roll call vote: Hunt – Yes; Fellows – Yes; Atwood – Yes; Lyon – Yes; Aube – Yes; Kramer-Perry – Yes; motion passes 6-0



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D. Vote on requests for expenditure from the Conservation Fund:

1. Cassily Parcel Field Mowing on 6/11/20 by Bob Sherwood Landscape Co. - \$600

Bird explained that the City has the open field on the Cassily parcel mowed a couple of times during the year to keep it from growing over. There is more than enough funding available for this.

Kramer-Perry moved to approve the expenditure from the Conservation Fund for \$600, Fellows seconded.

Roll call vote: Hunt – Yes; Fellows – Yes; Atwood – Yes; Lyon – Yes; Aube – Yes; Kramer-Perry – Yes; motion passes 6-0

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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

- B. Review of Request for Letters of Support for Coastal Resilience Grant Applications for the City of Dover Community Services Department and the Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Bird explained that there are two applications being prepared for the Coastal Resilience Grant Program that are due by July 31, 2020. The one being prepared by the City of Dover Community Services Department is for the design of a storm water management system to provide treatment and flow mitigation for Henry Law Park to improve the water quality in the Cochecho River. The second is being prepared by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission for a project in Dover that will assess how climate adaptation efforts may be negatively affecting socially vulnerable populations. Bird distributed written summaries of both projects. We are seeking a vote to permit the Chair to sign a letter of support for each project.

Councilor Williams: There is support for these projects in various master plan chapters such as Climate and Stewardship.

Kramer-Perry moved to permit the Chair to sign a letter of support for both projects, Aube seconded.

Roll call vote: Hunt – Yes; Fellows – Yes; Atwood – Yes; Lyon – Yes; Aube – Yes; Kramer-Perry – Yes; motion passes 6-0

- C. Review of Letter From Normandeau Associates RE: Dover All Electronic Tolling Project

Bird reminded members about the letter received from Normandeau Associates regarding the Dover-Rochester All Electronic Tolling Project that NHDOT is undertaking on the Spaulding Turnpike. They are looking for your input of priority mitigation efforts such as problematic culvert/bridge crossings, land protection or habitat restoration.

There was nothing specific that members wanted to pass along.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Bird distributed a handout regarding a call for volunteers to help with a downtown street tree inventory this summer. SRPC and Liz Durfee are doing street tree inventory so contact them.

Fellows: This is a great project and a very worthy cause. Good reason to get out of the house.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Fellows moved to adjourn, Atwood seconded. Roll call vote: Hunt – Yes; Fellows – Yes; Atwood – Yes; Lyon – Yes; Aube – Yes; Kramer-Perry – Yes; motion passes 6-0