

DCC Minutes of December 12, 2016



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting December 12, 2016

On December 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Derry Municipal Center.

The following members were present: Neil Wetherbee, Chair, Eileen Chabot, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives and Marius Zainea. Ric Buzzanga, James Degnan, Alternates, Peg Kinsella, Brian DeSimone, William Ventura and Marc Vagos were absent.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of November 14, 2016 as written. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. Margaret Ives abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

DES:

22 Germantown Rd – DCC received a notice from DES for the acceptance of a permit application for this property.

22 Germantown Rd – DCC received a notice that this particular application presented previously, needs more information.

A Utility Maintenance Notification from Eversource has been received. They will be clearing brush along the power lines. There may be some temporary stream crossings during the process. No action by DCC is needed.

The recent issue of Town & City magazine, which contained several Conservation related articles, was passed around.

A letter has been received from Apex Company. This is the company that does the storm water management for the Wal-Mart facility. There were extensive documents and pictures included. Chair has looked at the info. The info was passed around and a contact was given if DCC has any questions.

Drought Update – There are some positive signs showing at this point in time. Some of the streams and vernal pools at Cole Marsh have water in them now. Manter Brook and Adams Pond also have water.

Eagle Scout Project: Jacob Bergstedt from Troop # 412 gave a presentation on building a bridge at Broadview as his Eagle Scout Project. He will be raising funds himself for the project. The project will take place in the spring of 2017. There is a lot of erosion at the banks right now. He asked for feedback from DCC on the type of materials they would like to have used in the construction. Instead of building the bridge at the trail intersection, he would like to re-locate the bridge in order to construct a bridge that would be shorter in length. DCC stated that the bridge needs to be constructed from one bank to other, to avoid applying for a wetland permit from DES. DCC will meet up with Jacob to select the proper location for the bridge. DCC would like the bridge to be built with pressure treated lumber. DCC gave thanks to Jacob Bergstedt for selecting this as his project.

Update on Conservation Activities:

The new map that was ordered for the Kiosk at Broadview has been received. The frame that holds the existing map needs repair. This will be looked into.

Hunters have been spotted at Broadview. A suggestion was made to hang "No Hunting" signs at the crossroad entrance and the main entrance. DCC is already in possession of the signs. A suggestion was made to make sure the Derry Police have the combination to the lock at Broadview in case the need arises that they would have to enter the area.

A survey from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions has been received and was read aloud to the members. The survey asked about wetland setbacks in Derry. Right now the setbacks are:

Under 1 acre = 30 ft.

Over 1 acre = 75 ft.

Prime wetland with no disturbance = 150 ft. / temporary disturbance 75 ft.

The survey asks if Derry has any setbacks and if so, would they like to have the setbacks, increased, decreased or remain the same. The state is asking if Derry would like to see the state set a single setback requirement. DCC says yes, there should be a setback at state level. The town setback rate would trump the state setback rate, if one was ever imposed and was not suitable for Derry. DCC would like to see wetland buffers. Former DCC Member, Paul Doolittle of Old Chester Rd, was in the audience and was allowed to speak. He suggested buffers for vernal pools.

Fred Borman from UNH Cooperative Extension, a Field, Natural Resource, Forestry Specialist, is partnering with NH Granite to identify and document all Town Forests and conservation lands in the state, greater than 10 acres, in order to update the GIS Conservation data layer. They are looking for assistance with the project. The projected completion date for the project will be in January & February of 2017.

There is an outstanding legal bill for the Gunther /Nelson Property. Paul Dionne made a motion to pay \$2210.75 to Attorneys, Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella. Margie Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The money has already been appropriated in the Gunther/Nelson property funds. Payment will come from the Land Protection account.

Adjournment:

- Non-public meeting per RSA 91-A:3-II(d) "Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community."
- Non-public meeting per RSA 91-A:3-II (a) "The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted."

Paul Dionne made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA. Marius Zainea seconded the motion. All members present were polled and voted yes. The public meeting adjourned at 7:40pm and the non- public session began.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson