



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

### **Minutes of Public Meeting March 22, 2021**

In response to the State of Emergency in New Hampshire regarding COVID-19, regular Public Meetings of the Town of Derry will be held via remote conference call until further notice. The Derry Municipal Center Meeting Room will be closed to the public.

On March 22, 2021 the Derry Conservation Commission met at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The following members were present: James Degnan, Chair, Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf, and Bob Boonstra. Margaret Ives, Robert Spoerl and Alternates, Justin Mitchell and Paul Dionne were absent. Bob Boonstra sat for Margaret Ives.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021. Bob Boonstra seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:**

The Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held May 15, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the West Running Brook Middle School. There is a list of items that can and cannot be disposed of posted in the libraries and at the Derry Municipal Center.

There will be a spring workshop for landowners held by NH Timberland Owners Association in partnership with UNH Cooperative Extension. For Commission members that are interested, the website is [nhtoa.org](http://nhtoa.org). There will be a class on *Tree Identification*. There will be a zoom only call that can be signed up for on March 31<sup>st</sup> on **Wildlife Habitat** (part one) *Assessment and Planning*. It will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 to 8:00. The next class for **Wildlife Habitat** (part two) is a live presentation. The live presentation is on *Tree Nuts, Turkeys and Other Wildlife*. Part two will be held on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, in Deerfield, NH. For the live presentation, masks are required, and social distancing requirements will be in place.

### **DES:**

*Denali Estate Project Update – 15 Forest St. Tax Map 11/Lot 59* - DCC has reviewed the plan and has done a site walk. DCC had many comments on the project. The NH Dept. of Environmental Services has responded to the applicant, Mr. Lannan and has sent to the applicant a copy of the Derry Conservation

meeting minutes containing the DCC comments on the project. DES is continuing to work with the landowner to make sure that the application is 100 % complete.

*26 Coles Grove Rd. Tax Map 51/Lot 17* - The letter is in reference to an application that DES received on March 8, 2021. DES is asking for clarity on the application regarding wording put in the project description by the applicant stating, "after the fact". There is permitting for after the fact only when applicable. DES is asking for a copy of the recorded deed as well as additional information from Meissner Brem Cooperation regarding a trench plan. Rosemary Aures from DES is the Shoreland Specialist working on this.

*54 Drew Rd. Tax Map 7/Lot 84* – This is a Forestry Statutory Permit by Notification. DES received the application March 11, 2021. stating that the Forestry FBN is complete and that the project described has met the requirements for the FBN. Chair did look at the project a week ago. The parcel does abut Drew Brook. Google maps does have updated aerial photographs of some forestry work that had been done on the parcel in the past, on the Hampstead side area. This has been approved by DES.

*13 No Shore Rd. Tax map 56/Lot 32* – Two notices have been received on this parcel. The first notice is an old notice stating that on February 9<sup>th</sup>, NHDES received a Shoreland Permit application from the applicant. The second notice on this was received March 18<sup>th</sup> stating that the Shoreland permit application #2021-00311 has been found to meet or exceed the requirements of the RSA. Permit description shows impact to 5,471 sq. ft of protected shoreland in order to redevelop a residential lot including a new house layout, porch and revisions to the driveway, with an impervious surface percentage approved at 49%. Chair has contacted Permit Specialist, Craig Day at NHDES as well as Carl Dubay of the Dubay Group, who created the plan. DCC would like to see the parcel as well as have a chance to provide commentary. Chair is awaiting a response from Carl Dubay. DCC did receive a prior notice of this. DCC did review a dock situation there in the past and responded accordingly to Neil Bilodeau. The dock is currently out of the water and is awaiting proper permitting in spring 2021.

*Island Pond Waterbody – Tax Map 16/lot 009* - Two notices received on this parcel. First notice – A Shoreland Impact permit notice was found to either meet or exceed RSA 483(b) as required. There will be an impact of 1,787 sq. ft. of protected shoreland. The project is to remove a shed, demolish a non-conforming primary structure and to construct a new conforming structure with a storm water management plan and septic. The permanent impervious surface will be improved 28.4 %. The second notice explains that there was a previous hold on the application at the end of February. The hold was because the applicant did not show certified mail receipts, which is required to demonstrate proof that certified mailings were sent to notify the governing body of the municipality where the project will be located. DCC has not received this application. Chair will work with Shoreland Specialist, Rosemary Aures on this.

### **Update on Conservation Activities:**

### **2021 Work Session and Planning Update:**

DCC has had previous discussion on whether or not to hold the clean-up(s) event this year with COVID-19 present. It was decided to hold one clean-up week to start. Chair has received an email from the Derry Garden Club regarding Derry Parks and Recreation Department wanting to host a clean-up week

and to advertise the clean-up through social media. The plan is to hold the clean-up week April 17<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be an on-line registration form on the Derry Website at [derrynh.org/park-recreation](http://derrynh.org/park-recreation). Blue bags can be picked up at the Derry Recreation Center. The bags can be picked up between 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Residents were asked to take pictures of the event to post on social media at Derry Rec NH Facebook page and use #earthdayderry. There will be a contest to win a prize, which will be picked at random. The prize is a family garden basket that contains seeds and garden supplies. DCC announced appreciation to the Derry Parks and Recreation Department for taking on the event.

*Site Walks*- Chair would like to secure the services of Forester, Charlie Moreno to do a site walk at the Doolittle property and possibly include someone from UNH Cooperative Extension. More to come on this. Hopefully a date with Forester, Charlie Moreno will become available in April or May.

*Broadview Mowing and Haying* – This project is being worked on. Plans for the mowing and haying of Broadview are still in the exploratory stage. One haying event is preferred instead of two. The new gate that has been installed at Broadview is a little smaller than preferred. Equipment needs to be able to enter for the mowing and haying processes to take place. Two extra feet of clearance is needed for equipment to enter either by clearing brush or moving some rocks. Chair would like to do another site walk at Broadview with some of the commission members. More to come on this. The tilling of the gardens is also being worked on. An early tilling date is being sought after.

A lot of dog fowling has been noticed at Broadview. Residents were asked to please pick up after their dogs.

### **Other Business:**

Derry Conservation Commission Members, Grace Reisdorf, William Lowenthal, Robert Spoerl and Alternate, Justin Mitchell have re-signed on to the Commission to serve another term. A new Alternate Member, Mariel Capulli has also signed on to serve. The Conservation Commission positions need to be updated, Treasurer, Secretary etc. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

James Degnan has decided not to hold his seat as Chair for 2021. Members were asked to think about who would like to be the upcoming Chairperson. If no one volunteers, James Degnan has agreed to serve one more year as the Chairperson. James Degnan's term as a commission member expires on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

Paul Dionne will not be returning as an Alternate Member of the Derry Conservation Commission this year. Many thanks were given to Paul Dionne for his years of service. He has been a great asset to the community.

Another project for 2021 is to do some re-blazing at some of the parcels. Grace Reisdorf offered to help with the blazing. Grace Reisdorf and Chair, James Degnan will start the blazing process at Cole Marsh. A suggestion was made to re-blaze the Gulf Rd. Storm Trail. There is also Poison Ivy at the entrance there and saplings growing in the middle of the trail that need to be tended to.

Some of the Conservation Commission members have received their COVID-19 vaccinations at this point in time. A decision was made to return to holding the next Conservation meeting live in the Derry Municipal Center meeting room.

**Adjournment:**

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson