



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

### **Minutes of Public Meeting May 10, 2021**

On May 10, 2021, the Derry Conservation Commission met at the Derry Municipal Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room at 7:00 pm. The following members were present in person: James Degnan (Chair), Eileen Chabot, William Lowenthal and Alternates, Bob Boonstra and Mariel Capulli. The following members participated via Zoom: Rick Buzzanga. Justin Mitchell joined in 15 minutes after start via Zoom. Margaret Ives, Grace Reisdorf, Robert Spoerl were absent. Bob Boonstra sat for Grace Reisdorf, Mariel Capulli sat for Margaret Ives.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Chair made the recommendations to revise minutes to state "Weber" and 5' and 6' Board Sections. Bob Boonstra made a motion to approve the minutes with amendments of April 26, 2021 meeting. Will Lowenthal seconded the motion. Eileen Chabot abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

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

*SELT* – May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021 Notice and Reminder that the following properties will be monitored in 2021. Properties include Doolittle, Caras Property (Willow Ave), Corneliusen, Sawyer, and Shepard. Our stewardship manager is Amanda Hollenbeck.

*11 North Shore Rd Tax Map 56 Lot 33* – Notice of Incomplete Permit by notice Application.

### **Officer Elections**

Chair Position- Will Lowenthal nominates James Degnan. Eileen Chabot Seconds. All in favor of nomination. James Degnan abstained.

Vice Chair Position- Will Lowenthal nominates Ric Buzzanga. Eileen Chabot Seconds. All in favor of nomination. Ric Buzzanga abstained.

Treasurer Position- Eileen Chabot nominates Will Lowenthal. Bob Boonstra Seconds. All in favor of nomination. Will Lowenthal abstained.

### **Other Conservation Activities**

*Evaluating Fur Bearer Methods in NH* – Andrew Butler UNH PHD Student in conjunction with Fish and Game is requesting to use 3 Derry properties for this project study. Broadview Farm, Gulf Road (Line Storm Trail), and Weber. Each location would house one camera locked to a tree and identified with GPS. Cameras locations identified between April and May. July and August the cameras would be set up. September and October there would be an addition of a lure scent. Following April and May the cameras would be removed. Chair advised he would support project if camera placement was considerate of public privacy. The Chair stated that some minor trimming may happen around location of camera placement. Will Lowenthal asked if cameras would be labeled with a formal identifier for UNH Study. Will Lowenthal also brought up concerns regarding the lure attracting dogs or other undesirable animals. Chair advised that the commission has right to designate if a parcel is acceptable and can provide alternates if the board does not want the study at a particular parcel. The Chair will ask Andrew Butler to present at our next scheduled meeting.

*Invasives at 37 Maple St-* Knotweed was located on an Eversource Owned parcel by Will Lowenthal. GZA was able to provide contact to an Eversource contact. Meeting is set for Wednesday at 3pm for those that can attend to assess site and review potential options. Eileen asked if the plan was to use herbicide to treat. Chair advised at this time the plan is to only assess the site at this time and no definitive plan to treat is known at this time. Bob Boonstra asked about prior relations with Eversource. Chair advised that we have worked with them only in transmission line maintenance and reviewing timber matting procedures and wetland crossing practices.

*Moreno Forestry* – Chair advised he was able to speak with Charlie Moreno. Charlie was the consulting forester for Doolittle. Charlie advised that he would be amenable to potentially coordinate a walk or discussion with UNH later this year. Charlie is also going to help provide documentation on potential invasives onsite (from Doolittle prep work) and work with us on mapping and assessing site for invasives. Charlie also asked about updating our plan for Weber Forest timber harvesting. Some field work was started but not complete. Property believed to have not been harvested for 20+ years. Charlie also asked about the Caras property (Willow Ave). Charlie noted he is not our county forester. The forester is Greg Jordan.

*Broadview Farm Trail to Cross Rd-* Malia Till called to advise a blowdown was blocking trail. Chair advised branches have been cut and trail is passable. Alan Cote spoke to chair and other work may be completed onsite at a future date.

*Grinnell Trail* – Chair advised he did reach out to Alan Grinnell about the new gate and trail work. Eileen commented that the gate looks great and the opening for recreation is a great size to prevent ATV access. Mariel Capulli asked about a NO Parking sign that was applied to the gate. Chair will verify status of no parking. It is assumed it is their now to prevent gate from being blocked during Haying operations. Chair advised on main trail access do not follow the orange blazed trail to the left.

*Broadview Fire Pit Request* - VFW has asked to use firepit for Flag Retirement. Request is for Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-1. Fire Permit has been acquired. Eileen Chabot motions to approve the request. Will Lowenthal Seconds. All in Favor. Motion carries.

**Other Business:**

*Land Stewards* – Nutfield News wrote a story about needing Land Stewards. Chair shared email address for folks looking to sign up. Info for an upcoming webinar on Steward Training was shared by Chair on May 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm.

*Broadview Tilling* - Meeting has been set up to meet Bob Pepper to discuss Haying Broadview and tentatively tilling the Community Garden. Meeting is set for Wed between 4:30-5. Will Lowenthal has advised he has spoken to a contractor the does tilling; including other gardens. The Contractor is from Merrimack and is insured. Rates are 80.00 per hour. The contractor has availability to do the work as soon as Saturday which is ideal for the gardeners.

Ric Buzzanga makes a motion that we approve up to 450.00 out of the admin acct for 2021 tilling of the garden. Eileen Chabot seconds. All in Favor. Motion carries. Chair asked if as garden is tilled we ask all gardeners remove rocks instead of using them to pin down fencing.

Eileen Chabot asked if we charge a fee for residents to use the garden. Will Lowenthal advised that there is no fee and the goal is to serve the community residents that cannot garden at home.

Will Lowenthal presented a receipt for stakes. Chair asked if we kept a majority of stakes from last season. Will Lowenthal advised many were unusable and needed to be replaced. Chair asked about attaching fencing and wire and using methods that allow reuse.

Ric Buzzanga motions to repay Will Lowenthal 53.97 out of the administration account for Stakes. Eileen Chabot seconds. All in Favor. Will Lowenthal Abstains. Motion Carries.

Ric Buzzanga added additional commentary that he does not believe we should charge a fee for garden use. Eileen Chabot Recommended looking into grant funding for the community garden. Will Lowenthal advised we have had grants approved in past through the Master Gardener program.

**Non Public:** Will Lowenthal motions to go into Non Public session. Eileen Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Carries. Chair clarifies Non Public Session ends the meeting. Zoom attendees cannot attend the Non Public session.

Meeting Adjournment 7:40

Recorder: James Degnan