



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting February 24, 2014

On February 24, 2014 at 7:30 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Derry Municipal Center.

The following members were present: Jim Arruda, James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Paul Doolittle, Beverly Ferrante, Margaret Ives, Chair, Marianne Page, Richard Tripp and Dennis Wiley. Peg Kinsella and Ric Buzzanga were absent. Marianne Page sat for Ric Buzzanga.

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of February 10, 2014 as written. Beverly Ferrante seconded the motion. Marianne Page, Jim Arruda and James Degnan abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report & Correspondence:

Chair has received a check for \$31.27 from Troop #405. The money was leftover funds from a fundraiser Tyler Pascucci had done to raise money for his project on the trail at the Low property. The check was dated October 2013.

DES:

48 Pond Rd. Tax map/Lot 50-54 Complaint- The owner has been sent a letter and has to comply with conditions of that letter sent by DES.

25 Taylor Brook Lane Tax Map/lot 18-26 - DES is requiring a complete response April 7, 2014. The homeowner has been notified.

A Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on May 3, 2014 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at West Running Brook School.

A mailing has been received for Hog Island Audubon Camp. The programs will run from June 1st to September 14, 2014. Coastal Maine Birding and The Joy of Birding are examples of some of the classes offered. Registration can be done on line. For more info call (607) 257-7308 Ext 14.

The Annual Saving Special Places Program will be held April 5, 2014 at the Laconia Middle School in Laconia, NH. From 8:00 am until 3:45 pm. There are 10 workshops to choose from. The cost is \$60.00 per person before March 28th. The cost goes up to \$75.00 after the March 28th deadline. Peter Forbes will be the keynote speaker. Basic Conservation, Conservation Easement tax, Stewardship Plans, and Engaging Volunteers are some of the programs planned. Classes can be signed up for on-line.

Other Business:

The list of Town properties that will be going up for sale had been reviewed at the last Conservation meeting. There had been discussion on the Goodhue Road property, Orchard Drive, and the Hunter Drive property at the previous DCC meeting. Some of the properties are small and some have houses. The Orchard Drive property is part of a Prime Wetland. The Goodhue Road property is not adjacent to any other conservation land. The Hunter Drive property near the East Derry Memorial School is not of interest. A decision was made not to pursue any of the town properties.

James Degnan gave an update on his research on the Derry Town website, Conservation section. He has discovered that the Dredge & Fill link times out and that the upcoming Conservation walks need to be updated to the 2014 schedule. James would like to look into a free means of being able to track the entry of users of the conservation properties. He is researching a program called Foursquare for use with smart phones. This would allow users to check in when entering a property, send a comment, send a picture of animals or a picture of damage that they may have seen directly to a website instead of having to go home and call a commission member. Londonderry has a program set up and they have had 119 check-ins and Windham Town Forest has a set up with 436 check-ins. James will be doing further research on the set up and management of Foursquare and he will also be in contact with Doug Rathburn in the Derry IT Department. James also suggested having a link on the town website's Conservation section to go to the Rockingham County Conservation District's website. RCCD has information on its website on the Invasive Species work done at Shepard.

A decision was made to order 100 Conservation T-shirts in various sizes except for small in a brighter green color. James Degnan will pursue.

Go Green:

The Go green Committee will be showing the movie "Do The Math" at The Coffee Factory in Derry, March 8, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment:

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn. Beverly Ferrante seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Clerk/Ruth Robinson