



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting March 11, 2013

On March 11, 2013 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, Margaret Ives, Chair, Marianne Page, and Dennis Wiley.

Ric Buzzanga, Beverly Ferrante, Peg Kinsella, and Richard Tripp were absent. James Degnan sat for Ric Buzzanga and Marianne Page sat for Beverly Ferrante.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Dennis Wiley made a motion to accept the minutes of February 25, 2013. Marianne Page seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report & Correspondence:

Special Places Annual Conference - Dennis Wiley would like to attend.

Paul Dionne made a motion to pay \$60.00 to be taken from the Administrative Account to pay for Dennis to attend the conference. Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Dennis Wiley made a motion to pay \$111.00 to be taken from the Administrative Account to purchase the movie "Dirt" for Go Green's public movie screening. Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Go Green – Judy Follo was present at the meeting and she updated the Conservation Commission on the events that Go Green has planned for 2013.

February/ March

The annual snowshoe event scheduled in February was rescheduled, to March 9th due to a blizzard. The event went well. East Derry Memorial Elementary School donated snowshoes for the children to use and Eastern Mountain Sports donated the snowshoes for the adults. There was a bonfire, the building of snowmen. A good time was had by all. Thanks were given to Mike Fowler, Public Works for having a crew plow the parking lot at Broadview for the event.

March 18, 2013 - Go Green booth will be set up at the Derry Farmer's Market this Saturday

April

There will be two UNH Cooperative Extension lectures at the Derry Public Library. One of the lectures, which Go Green is hosting with the library, will be "**Natural Wildlife**". Go Green has extended an invitation to the Derry Garden Club. The lecture will be on April 22, 2013 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the library. The other lecture is presented by Go Green itself called "**Re-thinking Trash**" with John Halstead from UNH cooperative extension presenting. This will be held April 1, 2013 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the library.

April 13th thru the 20th - Spring town wide clean-up.

May

*May 4th – A public movie screening will be held at the Coffee Factory at Hood Commons. This year's movie is called "**Dirt**". This movie explains the history of the earth, how important the soil is, pesticides, organic farming vs. conventional farming, how minerals get into the food we eat, etc. After the screening, the movie will be available at Derry Public Library.*

*May 18th - 9:00 am "**Work day**" at Shepard. Volunteers and land stewards will be pulling invasive plants and native species will be planted. Volunteers are needed if anyone would like to join in, bring gloves and boots.*

Nature Walks:

June 15th - Cole Marsh Walk

July – J&F Farms- The date to be determined by Phil Ferdinando.

August - August 17th - Low Property Walk- Eagle Scout Tyler Pascucci, Troop #405, is interested in working on the trails at Low as part of his Eagle Scout Project. He would also like to guide the nature walk that day as part of the project.

September

September 7th – Collette's Mountain Property Walk

September 14, **Derryfest** –Go Green Booth will set up a booth

October – Fall town wide cleanup, date to be determined

November 15th - America Recycles Day Event

Go Green's Other Events

Boys & Girls Club- summer camp experience at the Doolittle Property, Manter Brook. The date is still to be determined.

The Great Sunflower Project and bee count/summer project.

Go green is looking into the possibility of a second movie screening. The movie they are looking into is called "**Chasing Ice**". It references Earth's receding glaciers. The movie has won many awards.

Depending on the availability of the movie, a second public screening may be held this year or it may have to be shown next year.

Judy Follo presented to the commission the new **Go Green** pamphlet. A pamphlet has also been printed for the list of "**Green Books**" that are available at the Derry Public Library. This list contains the names of books that Go Green thought would be of interest to the public. The list of books is also published on the Go Green Website, www.go-green-derry.org. A reminder was given that Go Green meets the second Thursday of the every month at 7:00 pm in room #207 at the Derry Municipal Center. Everyone is welcome.

Other Business:

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn and go into non-public per RSA 91-A:3(d). Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes. Chair voted yes. Motion carried. Non-public meeting per RSA 91-A:3(d) "consideration of the acquisition or lease of property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community." Public meeting adjourned at 8:20 and non-public meeting began.

Clerk/Ruth Robinson