



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting June 9, 2014

On June 9, 2014 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: Jim Arruda, Ric Buzzanga, James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Chair, Eileen Chabot, Peg Kinsella, Marianne Page, Richard Tripp and Dennis Wiley. Paul Doolittle was absent. James Degnan sat for Paul Doolittle. This is the first time the commission has met at the new meeting start time of 7:00 pm instead of 7:30 pm. The new start time was previously voted on at the meeting of May 19, 2014.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes as written of May 19, 2014. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. Jim Arruda & Ric Buzzanga abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

DES:

2 Lakeshore Ave. – Tax Map/Lot /55-28- DES has no record of a permit issued in the owner's name for installing a dock. The work must cease and an application be submitted.

30 Hunter Dr. - Tax Map/Lot -20-75-37 – DES is returning the application to the applicant. The minimum elements required were not included in order to perform the technical review.

17 Taylor Brook Lane – Tax Map/Lot 18-30 - To determine compliance with the Shoreland Water Quality Act. DES observed animal enclosures (two rabbit hutches and a chicken coop) constructed on the sight. The placing of these structures falls under (*Accessory Structure*) which requires a 20 ft. setback from the

reference line. The structures are within the 20 foot setback. This is a violation and DES wants the matter attended to.

Bills:

Judy Follo from Go Green submitted a bill for the film “Chasing Ice” for \$ 55.59 with shipping costs. The commission had approved spending up to \$60.00 with shipping for Go Green to purchase the film at a previous meeting.

A bill for \$60.00 for the purchase of 4 bundles of stakes for the Broadview Farm gardens. Ric Buzzanga made a motion to pay \$60.00 from the Administrative Account to reimburse Dennis Wiley for the stakes. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A bill for \$32.35 for the materials to refurbish the sign at Shepard Conservation area. Paul Dionne made a motion to pay \$32.35 to reimburse Dennis Wiley, to be taken from the Administrative Account, for the materials purchased (posts & hardware) to refurbish the Shepard sign.

Eagle Scout, Keith Renaldi, Troop #402 met with the commission to present his Eagle Scout project. He would like to build 10 bat houses at Broadview & Cole Marsh. There will be five houses at each area. The cost would be around \$360.00 which he will obtain through fund raising with troop members and friends. He would like to build the bat houses to give the bats a secure place after seeing a broken bat house in the area. He would like for them to be 6x11x6 and place them 15 to 20 feet up in the air on trees. His question for the commission is whether or not they would like the bat houses to be hung by braces on the trees or bolted to the trees.

DCC recommended that he continues his research with NH Fish & Game as far as placement, size, location, wood type and the type of fasteners to use. Keith needs a written letter from DCC for the Scout Board and he needs to have his project formed signed.

Dennis Wiley made a motion for the Chair to sign the project plan with the condition that Keith returns to DCC with the specifics after doing his research with NH Fish & Game. Paul Dionne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

In preparation for Derryfest, two new maps have been made by Doug Rathburn from the IT Department. One of the maps, the smaller one, shows the Conservation lands which are numbered and their entrances including Collette’s Mountain which is #18. The other map is a larger one which shows the protected lands in Derry, Open Space land that has been saved by developers and private property owners that have taken some of their land and put conservation easements on a portion of it. The map key displays the areas of land owned by the state, by private property owners and town owned areas. Chair would like to display the maps at the library.

The first saved piece of land in Derry is the Town Forest which was saved around 1935-1937 as a result of the Great Depression, in case the trees on the land were needed for wood.

Site Review:

13 Manchester Rd. - Tax Map/Lot 8-274 Aromas Joe's Drive-Up Restaurant. Bill Stack from Steve J. Smith & Associates did a follow-up presentation. A site walk has previously been done by DCC. This was a previously developed lot which is now vacant. All the usable area on the lot today is almost all entirely paved except what was formerly a building. The proposed development will lessen the impervious area by about 8.5% creating less runoff. The proposed green space will be at 83.2 % compared to today's green space at 74.7%. The entire site will be curbed. The drainage will go around the property to a proposed detention basin in the rear (north westerly side of the site). There will be two drive-up windows. Two short 4 foot high retaining walls will be needed, one on the South East side and one on the North East side of the site. The proposed lighting is LED downcast. Snow storage will be in the front corners. Since the first presentation of the plan was given, a change has been made to include a control for the outlet of the detention basin to collect any oil accumulated. The landscaping will be changed from Blue Spruce to Balsam Fir. It is on the plan to remove the silt sock within 15 days after the site is stable or as recommended by the engineer. Ric Buzzanga made a motion for the chair to sign the plan. Paul Dionne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. DCC complimented on the nice landscaping design on the plan.

Update on Conservation activities:

BF Gardens – There are no plantings yet as of this time. The Lawrence Eagle Tribune published a story on the gardens which was passed around.

Broadview Farms is a heavily used area. At this time the fire ring has beer bottles and cans inside. The public is reminded that this is a carry in/carry out area. Trash and dog poop must also be picked up and rules followed. Chair will inform the land steward of this.

The South East Land Trust needs to do the report on the Conservation Easements at Shepard and the Doolittle Properties possibly June 12th or 13th. Chair will assist.

Cole Marsh Walk - June 21, 2014 at 9:00 am. Meet at the Damren Rd. entrance. Chair suggested doing the walk in May next year for better viewing of the spring flowers.

Invasive control needs to be done at the Hannah Martin property easement. DCC is committed to do this as part of the preservation process. DCC had done a treatment process a couple of years ago but it takes a more than one application. Chair will contact Phil Auger or Lenny Lord to see about getting another treatment done.

Go Green:

The compost workshop was attended by 6-8 people, a lower attendance than last year.

This month's featured invasive on channel 17 is Oriental Bittersweet.

Other Business:*Parking at some of the Conservation Areas*

Gulf Rd. Storm Trail has parking for 2 cars at the entrance. This entrance area needs to be cleared.

Collette's mountain area is still being looked at for parking.

Shepard – Contact Upper Village Hall for event parking.

Corneliusen has parking off Holiday Ave.

Japanese Knotweed – The Derry Garden Club has taken 6 grids to work on. A thank you from DCC was given to the garden Club for that. Jim Arruda is still working on marking more grids.

Non-Public and Adjournment:

Paul Dionne made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3(d).

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."

Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. The members were polled and voted yes. The public meeting adjourned at 7:50 and the non-public session began.

Clerk/Ruth Robinson