



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting June 23, 2014

On June 23, 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: James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Eileen Chabot, Margaret Ives, Chair, Peg Kinsella, Marianne Page, Richard Tripp and Dennis Wiley. Absent - Jim Arruda, Ric Buzzanga and Paul Doolittle. Marianne Page sat for Ric Buzzanga, Peg Kinsella sat for Jim Arruda and James Degnan sat for Paul Doolittle.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of June 9, 2014 as presented. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence and Bills:

The walk at Cole Marsh this past Saturday was successful. Richard Tripp took a picture and it was in the Nutfield News and Derry News.

Paul Doolittle has given his resignation to the Derry Conservation Commission. This will be the first time in many years that there won't be a member of the Doolittle family on the Commission. Albert Doolittle, father of Paul Doolittle served on the commission for many years.

In Paul's letter of resignation he wrote:

I hereby step down from my position on the Derry Conservation Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Chair gave thanks to Paul Doolittle for his service. A suggestion was made for any alternates interested in the member position to submit a letter of interest to the Town Administrator.

There is a bill for heavy duty trash bags for \$17.84. James Degnan made a motion to reimburse Dennis Wiley \$17.84 for heavy duty trash bags he purchased for the trash can at Broadview Farms. Marianne

Page seconded the motion. The money is to be taken from the Administrative account. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A bill has been received from Lenny Lord for \$1,200.00 to be paid to the Rockingham County Conservation District Commission for the Invasive work day at Shepard. The money was used to purchase native plants for planting. James Degnan made a motion to pay \$1,200.00 from the Administrative account to RCCD for native plants that were planted at Shepard. Peg Kinsella seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

DES:

Windham Depot Rd. - Tax Map/Lot 1/23-1 – From the Land Resources Management Division of DES. This is pertaining to an individual septic disposal system. The check submitted with the application is over six months old which is unacceptable. The application is being returned to the owner. A new check must be written with the current date or the date on the old check changed and initialed.

*PSNH – 115kV/R193 Transmission Line- Wetlands permit # 2014-00530 – Frank Richardson reviewed the wetlands permit submitted to DES by PSNH. After review, according to DES criteria, the permit has been approved with the following findings: *Because the project involves an alteration of non-tidal wetlands. Frank is iterating the points that demonstrate that this proposal is the alternative with the least adverse impact to the area. Anyone who is aggrieved by this decision may appeal to the NH Wetlands Council. An appeal must be filed within 30 days of this decision. The decision date is June 16, 2014.**

Granit update -Chair is still working on this. The contact person there is out of circulation for a while. Either Granit will be dealt with directly or a wait will take place until the contact person is back in service.

Scouts – Chair is waiting for Eagle Scout, Keith Renaldi to come back to the commission with his report on his Eagle Scout project at Broadview. Keith is doing research with NH Fish & Game in order to complete his report.

Site Review:

Corner of Jackman Rd and Drew Rd. –Tax Map/ Lot 120-758 – Engineer, Eric Mitchell gave the presentation. Bob Wildes, one of the principals from Derry Senior LLC was present. The copy of the plan presented was from the year 2000 so some of the information is dated. The plan was submitted before but never approved. The property is on the corner of Jackman Rd. (which is a class VI road) and Drew Rd. The owners of the property are trying to sell a Conservation Easement at the rear of the property. The site is about 60 acres. The plan is to cut 4 lots off the front of the property on Drew Rd. (compared to 18 lots on the dated plan) and to reconfigure these 4 lots to have enough legal frontages on Drew Rd. This will leave about 48 acres in the rear for a Conservation Easement. Eric has discussed the easement with SELT. They do show some interest. By cutting the 4 front lots, it will help to generate some money out of the project itself so that the balance of the land won't be as expensive. The Town of Derry does own a piece of property to the North and a couple of pieces along Jackman Rd. There are currently 2 high yielding wells in the rear of the property, a chicken coop and a dumping of shingles. Jackman Road is presently impassible and full of ruts and there is a backhoe that has been left out there from an individual who had tried to do some improvements but was legally stopped. The owner has brought a 30 yard dumpster to the site and has started cleaning up the site. Jackman Rd. is subject to gates and

bars, which means it has been closed by the Town of Derry, except to abutters. If the easement does take place, there could be some frontage provided in the corner and a possible parking lot for pedestrian access down Jackman Rd. to get into the property at the rear. DCC will do a site walk June 30th at 6:00 pm.

Site Review:

Corner of Magnolia Lane and Kendall Pond Rd. Tax map 24/Lot 37 – Engineer, Eric Mitchell gave the presentation. The plan is to build a 3 story, 18 unit apartment building with parking underneath the first floor and an additional parking lot outdoors on this 1.94 acre, L-shaped piece of property at the corner of Magnolia Lane and Kendall Pond Rd. (site of the former Community Supply). The plan has been presented to the Technical Review Committee and has received input from the Derry Fire Department. There are wetlands on the Northwesterly side. There is an existing house which is unoccupied, a couple of garages and pavement on the site now. The site is in the groundwater protection zone. There will be a 30 foot maintained landscape buffer and a fence next to residential abutters. Soils are very sandy. The driveway location will be opposite Shilah Dr. offset a little allowing proper site distance. The building will be placed 75 feet from the wetland. The amount of green space will be 40 % which wraps around the building and some uplands in the rear for possible passive recreation. The requirement for green space is 33%. The impervious amount will be 21%. The maximum impervious allowed is 30%. The Derry Fire Dept. has asked not to have a lot of street trees planted to allow room for a ladder truck. The flood zone is at about elevation 260.5. The outdoor parking lot of 43.5 spaces will have a short block wall which will rise above the pavement and act as curbing. There will no catch basins or enclosed drainage. The run off will flow down the middle of the parking lot. Any excess will bump up into the curbing and will be pushed back down into stone filled infiltration trenches on both the Kendall Pond Rd. side and the opposite side of the building in the rear. The elevation of the flared end section shown of the infiltration trench area out to the wetland is about 264. Any Snow storage that can't be stored on site will be moved off site. A note on the plan states" Condo Association". The plan for the building is for rentals. The note on the plan will be corrected. DCC will do a site walk on July 7, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Update on Conservation activities:

BF Gardens – The gardens are going strong. There have been pictures and a story in the Derry News.

Parking at Collette's is still in the works. Chair will be attending the July 18th Town of Derry Highway Safety Committee Meeting to discuss parking at Hubbard Hill Rd. etc.

Go Green:

July Activities:

This month's featured invasive on Cable TV Channel 17 is Multiflora Rose.

The Low Property Walk will be on July 12th at 9:00 am. Please park on the straight section of Hubbard Hill Rd and not on the cul-de-sac.

J & F farms Day – wagon ride tour of the property on July 19th

Other business:

The Cole Marsh Bridge needs to be replaced. The Chair announced that this would be a good project for any scouts that may be interested in doing the repair as their scout project. The Chair will check with the land stewards on the repair also.

Adjournment and Non-Public:

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."

Paul Dionne made a motion to go into non-public per RSA. James Degnan seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes. The public meeting closed at 8:05 pm and the non- public meeting began.

Clerk/Ruth Robinson