



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

**Minutes of Public Meeting August 11, 2014**

On August 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Municipal Center.

The followings members were present: Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Chair, Dennis Wiley & Richard Tripp were present. Peg Kinsella, Marianne Page and Jim Arruda were absent. Richard Tripp sat for Jim Arruda.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of July 28, 2014 as written. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Chair has received the newsletter from the DES, The Drinking Water Source Protection Program. The newsletter contained an article on *Climate Change Presenting Water Quality Challenges*. Members were informed of the website to subscribe to the newsletter. [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) The newsletter was passed around.

Member, Jim Arruda was now seated. (7:05) Richard Tripp went back to being seated as alternate.

Alternate, James Degnan was selected by the Derry Town Council to fill the vacant Conservation member seat previously occupied by Paul Doolittle. A welcome was given to James Degnan.

The Derry Conservation Commission Annual Report is due September 12, 2014. Chair will prepare a draft for presentation to the commission for comments and suggestions.

**DES:**

23 North Shore Rd. – Tax Map/Lot 56/27- A permit for the 45 feet of linear rip rap has been approved.

*Land Steward* – Mary Eisner has submitted her annual report for the Quail Hill area. It contained pictures of litter on the trail and at the entrance. A clean-up needs to be organized. Lenny Lord will be spraying the Poison Ivy at Shepard with a selective herbicide. There will be a charge pending to the commission for this process.

Mark Fleischer, Derry finance department has prepared a report for DCC on Protected Lands. The report has been prepared in chronological order, starting with the Ballard Town Forest in 1937 through Collette's Mountain in 2014. The report displays town owned, private owned, recreation, state lands and lands required through mitigation. The report also shows how these lands were acquired, acreage, protection type, primary and secondary protection agencies and restrictions, etc. The areas on this map are acquired lands that can be used by the public. A full map of the conserved lands will be brought to the commission at a later date. A copy of this land report will be kept on file in the Derry Town Clerk's Office. Chair spoke to the commission on fragmentation of the lands. In going forward, possibly expanding on these lands to ease up on fragmentation, which is not good for the wildlife. Chair recently attended a presentation at the Audubon Society at Lake Massabesic, given by Chris Bogard. The presentation featured changes in the landscape from the year 1700 through 1950 and how the lands went from forested, to agricultural, to high development. Chris spoke of fragmentation and its effect on wildlife.

#### **Site Review:**

*125 Windham Road* - Tax Map/Lot 1023-001-003-004, Engineer, Eric Mitchell presented. Eric had presented a previous plan before DCC and a site walk had been done on the first proposal presented back in July. Since the presentation of the first plan and first site walk, an additional piece of property had been purchased by the owner adjacent to the site. It was a piece of land with an existing house on it. The additional property purchased was incorporated into a second plan also previously presented to DCC. DCC was again did a site walk of the area. With the purchase of the new property added to the existing site, this now allows room for expansion of the building from 30,000 sq. ft. to 40,000 sq. ft. The building had been staked for the site walk, demonstrating the larger building size now proposed. Tonight, a design plan is being presented. This will be the final plan, unless changes come about from the public hearing, which will be held on September 20, 2014. What is being added to the design plan is a 10 foot high, solid vinyl, stockade type fence along the property line abutting resident Maureen Rose. The fence will be installed 10 feet in from the property line. A chain link security fence will be installed around the building.

The setback of the building from the pond was questioned by DCC. The setback is 30 feet, which does meet requirements. All 3 of the catch basins will have gas and oil separators. DCC wanted to see the soil report prepared on the site, but it was not made available at the meeting. The soil report will be sent to the commission for viewing before the next DCC meeting on August 25, 2014 in order to give members time to review the report. Contractor, Dale White and owner, Edward Smith were present.

### **Update on Conservation activities:**

The restoration project for the nature trail at the East Derry Memorial School was well attended. The project was completed in one day. Points of interest were marked along the trail for educational purposes.

### **Go Green:**

The Go Green nature walk at Broadview Farm will be September 16, 2014, at 9:00 am. Dennis Wiley along with former summer intern, Dan Cox will check the trail beforehand. Dan Cox also helped out in the trail restoration at East Derry Memorial School.

### **Other Business:**

South-East Land Trust workshop will be held at Derry Municipal Center September 3, 2014, at 7:00 pm. The workshop will involve area towns that participate with SELT. The topic will be ideas for the region. DCC has been asked to participate.

Eileen Chabot attended a wildlife seminar at the Rye public Library. Chris Bogard, a wildlife rehabilitator from SELT was the presenter. The seminar was on NH turtles, focusing on what kind of buffers the turtles need to survive. Eileen will be receiving information from Chris Bogard, on the studies presented, which will be helpful for DCC to use when evaluating projects.

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 enter into non-public meeting. James Degnan Seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes.

Paul Dionne made a motion to invite Town Council Liaison Tom Cardon to the non-public session. James Degnan seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes. Motion Carried.

The public meeting adjourned at 7:45 and the non-public session began.

Recording Clerk/Ruth Robinson