



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St.
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting April 8, 2013

On April 8, 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, Peg Kinsella, Marianne Page, and Dennis Wiley.

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

Election of Officers:

Paul Dionne made a motion to nominate Margaret Ives to serve as Chair. Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. Margaret Ives abstained from the vote. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Paul Doolittle made a motion to nominate Paul Dionne as Vice Chair. Margie Ives seconded the motion. Paul Dionne abstained from the vote. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Paul Dionne made a motion to nominate Beverly Ferrante as Treasurer. Margie Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of March 11, 2013. James Degnan seconded the motion. Peg Kinsella abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report & Correspondence & Bills:

The American Tree Farm System has sent their tree farm inspection record to DCC. As of March 12, 2013, we are re-certified for 450 acres. Forester Charlie Moreno prepared a Forestry Management Plan for Shepard resulting in the Invasive Control Project that was done at Shepard. Charlie is going to take a look at Weber next, to do a Forestry Management Plan there. He will prepare an estimate on the cost to do the plan. Weber has not been done since the late 1980's.

A notice has been received pertaining to the Barry Conservation 4-H Camp, located at the Berlin Fish Hatchery in Berlin, NH. DCC has the opportunity to sponsor a child to go to camp for a week or give a donation to help sponsor a child to go to the 4-H camp. The program is operated by UNH in conjunction with NH Fish & Game. There are several types of camps to choose from like fishing, hunter education, etc. Ages range from 8 to 16 years old for the campers. The cost is from \$295.00 to \$485.00 for 6 sessions starting the end of June through the 1st part of August. The public was informed to email 4-H at camps@unh.edu for info if interested. This topic will be followed up on at the next DCC meeting.

Chair picked up a list of the outdoor activities that the NH Fish & Game is sponsoring. The web site is wildnh.com for info on the programs.

The Derry Public Library is having a program on April 22, at 7:00 pm in honor of Earth Day. It is called "***A Garden for Wildlife***" *natural landscaping for a better back yard*. Jean Eno, A naturalist from the Great Bay Discovery Center will present the program.

There is a DES program in Concord, May 1, 2013 at the Grappone Center on the Drinking Water Source Protection Program for any DCC members that would like to attend.

A Derryfest reminder which is going to be held September 21, 2013, at Macgregor Park has been received. This Year, all booths must stay set up until 5:00 pm. No smoking will be allowed around the booths. The fee is \$25.00 per booth.

Dennis Wiley made a motion to expend \$25.00 for DCC and \$25.00 for Go Green, totaling \$50.00 for the two booths. The money would be taken from the Administrative Account. Peg Kinsella seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Go Green Derry Brochures have been printed. The cost is \$133.64 per (1000 brochures) which has been paid for by Mary Eisner, a Go Green member.

Dennis Wiley made a motion to pay \$133.64, to be taken from the Administrative Account to reimburse Mary Eisner for the cost of the brochures. Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

Go Green Town Wide Spring Cleanup is April 13th through the 20th. Blue bags are available at the transfer station. The public can log their pick up location onto the Go Green website, or call the transfer station for bag pick-up.

Site Review:

37 Scobie Pond Rd. - tax map 08017- located at the end of Ashleigh Dr. Chris Tymula from MHF Design along with Luke Hurley from Gove Environmental Services presented. Dumpster Depot is looking to relocate a portion of its business from Manchester to Derry. The parcel is 62.8 acres located in the industrial three zone. The site borders residential property to the east. Scobie Pond Rd. to the northwest. Commercial development to the west and Ashleigh Dr. to the south. The proposed development will be 7,200sq. ft. of contractor's warehouse, 3,200 sq. ft. of two story office area, 4,000 sq. ft. of a vehicle maintenance area and an area to hold 350 dumpsters. The plan calls for a 24 ft. wide driveway to access the facility, which will go under the PSNH power lines, There will be 550 ft. of new rd. Additionally there will be an area for *future* development (a subdivision) which is not shown on the plan presented. The wetlands are 180 to 200 feet away from the building. According to Luke Hurley, there are no prime wetlands in the area. From a storm water management perspective, the plan is subject to DES regulations. A wet retention basin is proposed in the rear of the site adjacent to the wetlands and there will be an above ground infiltration system to the west. There is a treatment swale that is within the PSNH 225 ft. easement which will take the run-off from the roadway. The remainder of the roadway run off will go into the infiltration system. There is no wetland impact. The site will be surrounded by a silt fence. Snow storage will be within the site itself. The dumpster holding area will a hard packed surface of 6 inches of reclaimed asphalt with a 12 inch gravel sub base. On-site storm water will sheet flow into the wet pond in the rear. Storm water in the road will be picked up by catch basins in the front and side. The dumpsters that will be stored on the site will be empty. There are 3 different sizes of dumpsters. They will be cleaned out at a waste management facility before being returned to the site for storage. The vehicle maintenance building will be used for changing brakes and tires on the trucks and minor repair. No fueling of vehicles will be done on the site. The trees have been cleared from one wetland to the other in both directions. None of the trees have been removed on the residential side border. The building is 800 ft. from the residential area. There are no exotics or invasives in the area.

Tonight's meeting was a regular business meeting of the Derry Conservation Commission and not a public hearing. There was a Derry Citizen in the audience. Councilor Liaison, Neil Wetherbee suggested the commission allow the citizen, John O'Connor, an abutter to the site, to be able to speak. The commission allowed John O'Connor to speak pertaining to the wetlands issue as an abutter. John O'Connor, a Derry Planning Board member, recused himself as a Planning Board member and he was there as an abutter only.

Mr. O'Connor stated that this site had been in front of Derry Conservation Commission and The Planning Board before about 8 to 10 years ago. A timber harvest of 52 acres was done last year (2012). There are 3 major streams in the site not clearly shown on the plan presented. During the timber harvest two of the streams, one to the north and one to the south were destroyed. A forester was called in and the streams were restored. One of the streams was not restored to the way it once was, but the way in which it was repaired, it actually increased the size of the adjacent wetland. John O'Connor has no objections to the plan. He was at the meeting to advise the Conservation Commission of the streams in the area and for a possible site walk.

This plan was presented tonight as one large print placed on an easel. This made it difficult for the commission members to view the plan. No single copies of the plan were distributed to the commission members. This made it difficult to get a close-up view of the drainage, wetlands, landscaping, streams, etc. that the members needed to see. Dennis Wiley suggested the presenters have a return visit to the Conservation Commission with a full set of plans for better viewing. Chair stated that going forward, that the presenters not come before the commission without individual copies of the plans.

James Degnan made a motion for the chair to sign the plan as presented with conditions that no fueling will be done on site, there are no exotics or invasives species on the site, removal of the silt fence after construction and that the plan presenters will return to DCC with a full set of plans for review. Paul Dionne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Arruda brought attention to the fact that there could be concerns by the DCC when the full set of plans have been brought back to the commission for review. Chair advised that at that point, the plans would have already gone to the Planning Board for approval. Any concerns by DCC, upon review of the full set of plans, would be made known at the time of the review. If the planning Board decides to do a site walk of the property, the presenters have agreed to notify DCC so that Conservation Commission members may join in on that site walk.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Dennis Wiley gave a report on the *Special Places Conference* that he recently attended. The conference had full attendance.

The topics were:

1. Real Estate Concepts and Real Estate Law taught by a couple of lawyers.
2. The new Granite View which replaces Granite Mapper.
3. Updates on current use and land change taxes.

The keynote speaker was from the Nature Conservancy, he spoke on endangered species and birds. Highlighting the Moon Bird

Shepard – Invasives control Day, May 18, 2013

Dennis Wiley and Margie Ives took a two hour walk of the Low Property for mitigation today April 8, 2013 with Mike Cousseau of Rockingham County Conservation Districts to inspect the ATV damage at Low and the restoration work that will be needed for repair. Existing damage from All Terrain Vehicles is worse at this time and there is also new damage that has been done. Mike Cousteau will come back to DCC with his plans for restoration.

J&F farms - Dennis Wiley mentioned to the commission that Phil Ferdinando would like to do this year's walk J&F Farms on July 20th.

Household Hazardous Waste Day- May 11th at West Running Brook School.

Shepard- Trail day May 18th - Fifty new plants will be planted on Trail Day this year. Lenny Lord will be going out to check last year's plantings

Broadview Farms – there are 39 plots available. Anyone who would like to reserve a plot to have a garden please contact: Peg Kinsella at 432-5604

Paul Dionne made a motion to go into non-public. Peg Kinsella 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."

Paul Dionne made a motion to invite Council Liaison Neil Wetherbee to attend the non-public session. Peg Kinsella seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Paul Doolittle seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm and the non-public meeting began.

Clerk/ Ruth Robinson