



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting June 22, 2015

On June 22, 2015 at 7:15 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Derry Municipal Center.

The following members were present: Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Chair, and Serge Michaud. Alternates, Peg Kinsella, Marianne Page and Neil Wetherbee were present. Marius Zainea and Alan Camuso were absent. Marianne Page sat for Marius Zainea. Town Council Liaison Tom Cardon was present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of June 8, 2015 with amendments. Serge Michaud seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

The Derry Conservation Commission is in need of a Secretary, per RSA, the commission is required to have a Chair, a Vice Chair and a Secretary. The Secretary would not have to take meeting minutes. The position's function would be to sign official documents when needed, such as grants etc. Ruth Robinson would still be the Recoding Clerk to the commission. James Degnan offered to be the Conservation Commissions' Secretary. Margie Ives made a motion to select James Degnan as the Secretary. Marianne Page seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. It was suggested to have the Secretary possibly read the DES correspondence.

Chair has ordered a new handbook for the Commission at a cost of \$18.00. Paul Dionne made a motion for the \$18.00 will be taken from the Administrative account. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

An Alteration of Terrain Permit has been received from DES on the Highway Maintenance Facility Tax Map 02E/ lot 01. It was passed around. In order to make a final determination, DES has given the Town of Derry eight comments. DES is waiting for a response from the town on those comments.

Info has been received on the upcoming Risk Mapping Meeting for Merrimack Watershed. The meeting is on July 7th at 10:00 am at the Manchester City Library. Alan Cote will be attending for the Town.

Information received from The South East Land Trust was passed around. SELT is looking for volunteers for land Stewards.

Site Review:

1st. Windham Rd- Tax Map/ Lot 1 23-1,23-3 and 23-4 -Granite Clover Self Storage. This is an area of just under 6,500 sq. ft. of wetland impact. Because the wetland was filled by a previous owner, DES required an After the Fact Wetland Permit be filed. That permit was filed and Eric Mitchell reviewed it with the commission at the previous DCC meeting of June 8th. The commission had questions on the application which Eric was unable to answer at that meeting. Eric is here this evening to present the answers to those questions. Chair recently contacted DES to ask for an extension on the deadline until July 1st, in order to allow Eric time to get the answers.

A revised portion of the application was passed around. This revised portion is actually a checklist that the Army Corps of Engineers fills out. Whenever a permit is filed with DES, the state will approve the application. The Corps checks the state approved permits, but will only get involved if there is a situation that needs further examination.

Below are the questions that DCC asked at the previous meeting and the answers that Eric presented.

Q. Are there any streams rivers or ponds in the area within 200 feet of any proposed work? The previous plan answer was NO. *The Corps considers ponds to be navigable waters. They don't consider the farm pond to be in this category. They consider a pond to be much larger. It is noted on the plan that there is a farm pond on the site N/A.*

DCC is still concerned with the answer about the farm pond. It does contain aquatic life. *Eric said that after the state has reviewed the revisions, he has no problem adding a note to the plan that there is a farm pond on the site which accepts drainage and drainage flows through it. He will also forward a copy of the update to the commission.*

Q. DCC questioned the amount of proposed impervious area that was stated. Is it correct? The amount was 117, 000 sq. ft. of impervious existing and 86,629 sq. ft. of proposed new area bringing the percentage on the site to 63 % of proposed and existing impervious area. *Eric confirmed that this answer is correct. The town requires 33% green space. With this plan there will be 37% green space.*

Q. Does the project propose more than a 10 lot residential subdivision or a commercial or industrial development? *The Army Corps of Engineers considers it to be commercial development. This will be revised.*

The revision will now go to Evan Lewis at the state. Evan has been working on this application. Eric Mitchell will make Evan Lewis aware that this supplement will be forthcoming.

Another reminder was given to Eric by DCC to have the Invasives Species Note put on the plan. This will be added to the final plan after submission to the Planning Board.

Update on Conservation Activities:

The pump at Broadview is broken. Some gardeners looked at it and diagnosed the problem. The parts have been ordered. It is working temporary but gardeners were asked to bring water their own water in case the pump fails before it can be fixed. All the plots have been taken. One has not been planted yet. There has been no response from the gardener.

Land Stewards:

A report has been received from Mary Till on the Alan Grinnell Property. There is Poison Ivy at the trail entrance. According to NH State Law, either the property owner or a licensed professional has to remove it. Serge Michaud is the commission land steward for the property. He will contact Alan Grinnell.

The Commission land stewards will be visiting their selected properties within the next two weeks and making reports.

The *Cole Marsh* Walk was sparsely attended. There were no citizens attending just Go Green and DCC members. The scouts were working on repairing the bridge.

Collette's Mountain – there is some kind movement there of logs being attached to trees. This needs to be taken down. At the parking lot, the guy-wires have been taken down and there is some dumping of leaves and brush etc. going on. Chair suggested sending letters to the abutters to inform them of the dumping and for them to take notice and inform DCC with any observations. There is also a stone fire pit area that needs to be removed.

Former Conservation Commission Member and Scout liaison, Dennis Wiley, sent to the chair the list Conservation Commission Projects that the commission had worked on in the past. There are scouts that are looking for projects. Some of the projects on that list have been completed already. The Cole Marsh Bridge repair is in the works. The tent platforms repairs at Broadview are forth coming.

DCC discussed the items below that they would like to have done.

13 To finish the town-wide, grid mapping of Japanese Knotweed, previously started by former DCC member, Jim Arruda,

#4 Work with Dog Rathburn from IT Department to put Conservation maps link put on the Conservation web site

#12 A standardized sign design for conservation areas.

The Invasive Project at Shepard, a new table at Broadview and to look into a possible stream crossing bridge at the storm trail.

Other Business:

Ric Buzzanga will keep on visiting the Ashleigh Dr. construction site project to check for compliance.

Notice of Public Hearing: The Derry Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing July 6, 2015 at 7:00 pm on the Gunther and Nelson Project in the third floor meeting room at the Derry Municipal Center. (see attachment)

This is a project that DCC has been working on in Non-Public session. The property consists of 111 acres on Island Pond Rd. in the Ballard Pond area. On the right, the property is 88 acres of combined pasture and hard wood forest. To the left are 20 or so acres that border the pond. Ballard Pond is ranked by the state to be the one of richest ecological properties in Derry.

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 enter into non-public meeting per RSA. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes. Motion carried.

Eileen Chabot made a motion to invite Town Council Liaison, Tom Cardon to the non-public. Serge Michaud seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm and the non-public session began.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson