



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting October 22, 2018

On October 22, 2018 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, Chair, Eileen Chabot, Margaret Ives, William Lowenthal, Robert Spoerl and Alternate David Hernandez. Ric Buzzanga, Grace Reisdorf, Alternates, Paul Dionne and William Ventura were absent. David Hernandez sat for Grace Reisdorf. Town Council Liaison, Neil Wetherbee was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Margie Ives made a motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2018 with a correction on page (2) to change NSCS to NRCS. Robert Spoerl seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report & Correspondence:

The most recent publication of the Granite State Tree Farmer was passed around.

A reminder was given for the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission Annual Conference to be held on November 3, 2018.

DES:

4 Goodhue Rd. – Tax Map 4/ Lot 120 – A notification has been received. DES will be looking into the filling of a wetland without a proper permit.

70 Beaver Lake Ave. – Tax Map 51/ Lot 82 – A request has been made from DES for more information.

15 Escumbuit Rd. – Tax Map 16/ Lot 18 – The application sent to DES has missing information.

28 Coles Grove Rd. –Tax Map 50/ Lot 51018 – DES is requiring more information.

5 Taylor Brook Lane – Tax Map 18/Lot 2 - Notification has been received of a letter of compliance.

Site Plan Review:

17 Back Chester Road -Tax Map 112/Lot 118 Tracy Sweeney from Holden Engineering & Surveying gave the presentation. This is a one lot subdivision. There is an existing house on the property. The land will be divided into two lots. One lot will be 6.95 acres for the existing house and a new 5.03 acre lot to be subdivided. There is a wetland complex on the property that is over 1 acre in size. A home will be

constructed close to the road. All setbacks will be adhered to. There will be no wetland impact. The plan has been reviewed by TRC. There were only minor comments by the TRC committee of administrative and clerical nature. The wetlands are delineated and flagged. DCC will do a site walk October 25, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Go Green:

Liz Carver of 15 Lenox Rd. and Liz Gallant were present. Liz Carver informed DCC that she will be resigning from her position on Go Green at year's end, which would leave only (2) members left on the subcommittee. Advice was being sought from DCC on the future existence of the committee. Without any new volunteers, Go Green would have to scale back on their projects. They would like to continue with the Conservation walks, but she was asking DCC to provide docents for the walks or perhaps contacting land stewards to be docents. The town wide cleanup would be cut back to once a year instead of twice a year. Liz asked what other towns do for a clean-up. The snowshoeing event and the movie night are also Go Green projects that have been enjoyed by the public. DCC informed Liz that at least (3) members would be needed to have a quorum to hold meetings. In reference to the clean-up, Derry Public Works and Joan from the Derry Transfers Station assist with dispensing the blue trash bags and collecting them afterwards. Before Go Green, the town clean-up was down once a year. It could be an all-volunteer effort. DCC would like to see the recycle board maintained in the lobby at the Derry Municipal Center. Town Council liaison, Neil Wetherbee, offered to get word out to the public of the committee's needs for membership. He also offered to assist in marketing new members through social media. Other suggestions made by DCC were contacting Pinkerton Academy for any interested students and contacting the Boy/Girl Scout Troops. Reaching out to the Net Zero Task Force to possibly form a partnership with Go Green, contacting former Go Green members to re-sign, scaling back on the movie night presentation in order to keep the town clean-up in the line of projects. Chair, James Degnan suggested holding a workshop before the Thanksgiving holiday to go over the last 60 to 90 days workings of Go Green and to form a game plan/strategy for 60 to 90 days going forward for Go Green.

Liz Carver questioned the need for keeping the Go Green website functioning. Former Go Green member, Paula Frank has been maintaining the website at no cost. The only expense for the website is for hosting and domain fees. Paula will be billing for these fees in December 2018. She will be moving out of town soon. DCC feels that the website is still needed. The cost is minimal and the approval will be put on the Conservation agenda in December. DCC would like to see Go Green continue.

DCC gave thanks to Paula Frank and to present and former Go Green members for their service.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Research has been done on preplacing two pieces of Plexiglas on the sign boards at Broadview and Drew Rd. entrance. The shields presently used are cost effective acrylic shields of a lighter gauge that cost about \$42.00 per panel. Lexan panels are a bit more durable but cost about \$87.00 per panel. Both can get broken.

Margaret Ives made a motion to use the Lexan material at \$87.00 a sheet. The money would be taken from the Administrative account. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. The members were polled resulting in a (4 to 2) vote. Motion carried.

T-Shirts - A second quote has been received for the cost of ordering t-shirts. The 1st vendor (in town vendor) quoted \$9.00 each shirt for a quantity of (50) USA made shirts. The second vendor quoted \$9.25 each for a quantity of (60) Haynes brand 100% cotton shirts not made in the USA. A 10% discount would be given if paid up front, bringing the cost to \$8.28 per shirt. There is an additional charge of \$2.50 to that order, if USA made shirts are desired, bringing the cost to \$10.28 per shirt from the second vendor.

David Hernandez made a motion to purchase USA made shirts for \$9.00 each to be taken from the Administrative account. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Bills:

William Lowenthal has submitted a bill for \$60.00 for reimbursement for his registration cost to the NHACC Conference.

Margaret Ives made a motion to reimburse William Lowenthal \$60.00 to be taken from the Administrative account for his registration fees to NHACC conference. Robert Spoerl seconded the motion. William Lowenthal abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

A bill has been received for NHACC annual dues. The cost is \$1075.00. The amount was questioned and will be looked into. This item is tabled until the next meeting.

A scout is interested in building a bridge at the Doolittle property. There was discussion on the use of pressure treated and kiln dried wood. The framework is usually constructed of pressure treated wood and the decking is usually 5 & 1/4 KD decking. DCC would like to reach out to the Audubon Society to see what they use. It was suggested that the scout do pricing with PT frame and 5 & 1/4 KD decking with an alternative of Cedar plank decking. Logging is going on in the area at this time. Spring would be the time for the project.

There was discussion on having a standardized sign board design for future scout projects to create uniformity at the properties.

A suggestion was made for future scout work on the tent platforms, to use a sub floor adhesive on the joists along with screws so that the boards can't be pulled up.

Broadview Gardens - At this point in time there are about 5 to 6 gardeners that have not cleaned up their plots. There was discussion on the need for a message board at Broadview to relate any communications to the gardeners such as (welcome, closing date, pump broken, etc.)

Mike Fowler has been contacted for assistance with emptying the bin of the garden residue. Thanks were given to Will Lowenthal and Margie Ives for their work with the gardens.

Other Business:

Chair, James Degnan will be attending the Town Council meeting October 23, 2018. The council meets with the Boards and Commissions annually to discuss their past work and future goals.

Adjournment:

William Lowenthal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Recording Clerk/Ruth Robinson