



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting January 13, 2020

On January 13, 2020 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, Ric Buzzanga, Margaret Ives, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf, Robert Spoerl and Alternate, Justin Mitchell. Member, Eileen Chabot, Alternates, Paul Dionne, and Ann Marie Chase were absent. Justin Mitchell sat for Eileen Chabot.

Approval of Minutes:

Margaret Ives made a motion to approve the minutes of November 25, 2019. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

The annual maintenance report on the drainage system for the Walmart Store at 11 Ashleigh Dr. has been received. A phenomenal report has been received which included service photographs of the detention basin areas and piping etc. All is in good condition.

DES:

84 Island Pond Rd - Tax map 6/ Lot 17 – A Communication was received from DES on December 6, 2019. The parcel is being investigated for a potential violation. No update has been received as of today's mail.

39 Taylor Brook Lane - Tax Map 18/ Lot 19 – This notification was received on December 27, 2019. The application was reviewed as incomplete.

A handbook has been received from New Hampshire Fish & Game. The book contains information on planning, monitoring and reporting trails. The handbook was passed around and will be kept on file.

Go Green Website Future – Go Green was a subcommittee for the Derry Conservation Commission. The subcommittee closed in 2019. The website for go Green has been left open and kept alive to this point. The cost to keep the website going and holding on to the domain name would be \$221.17. If a decision is made to take the website down, the cost would be \$100.00. The cost to just keep the domain name would be \$21.00. The Go Green website has not been utilized since the Go Green subcommittee came

to an end. There was some discussion and a decision was made to *not continue* with the website and domain name. It was suggested that social media be used in the future if needed.

William Lowenthal made a motion appropriate up to \$125.00 to be paid to Paula Frank to decommission the Go Green website and the domain name. Ric Buzzanga made a friendly amendment to permanently delete the website immediately. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The money will be taken from the Administrative account. There will be a bill forthcoming for 2019 services for the website. Chair will contact Paula Frank for the final bill amount.

Update on Conservation Activities:

William Lowenthal, James Degnan, Bob Spoerl, Grace Reisdorf and Alternate, Ann Marie Chase (name added per amendment) attended the New Hampshire Municipal Association Program. The program had info on the Right to Know Law, public meetings, quorums, etc. The handbook that was received has contact information in it for any assistance or future questions that may arise. The handbook was passed around to the members.

Broadview Farm Update – DCC has had previous discussions and is investigating a plan of action on the mowing and clearing of invasives at Broadview. The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension came out and did a walk of the property and then wrote a report. The co-op extension did come up with a couple of scenarios. Wildlife and habitat were taken into consideration. The Commission members were asked to read the report for future discussion. How will this get funded? Are there any grants available that can help with the funding? William Lowenthal joined Matt Tar, Tarr a UNH wildlife Specialist, a Rockingham County Forester, a Forester from Strafford and Carroll county and a couple of students in a walk of the property. The outcome was that the property has been neglected from an invasive standpoint and from a general field management perspective. Matt Tar documented his recommendations. He also made a statement in his report that Broadview is an incredible piece of property that supports a huge diversity of wildlife. DCC has discussed the habitation of Bobolinks in the past. Their nesting needs to be considered in any action plan taken. DCC would like to have Matt Tar come back to Broadview again in the spring. William Lowenthal stated that it is good for DCC to have the expert resources behind them in case any the public should have concerns once any action begins to take place. Chair gave thanks to William Lowenthal for his support. There will be more discussion on the Broadview clearing and mowing as the winter meetings take place.

Webber Forest Update – No motorized vehicle use is allowed, and the property is clearly marked that way. Tracks have been seen. The sand pit area has been roughed up and track marks have been seen going off the trail.

Bob Spoerl was contacted by Paula Belmore from LCHIP. They are looking for the monitoring report on the 76-acre Corneliusen property. DCC is entitled to a refund of maybe a couple hundred dollars for doing the report and monitoring. Chair will reach out to Paula Belmore on this. DCC has the report all done.

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson