



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting October 14, 2019

On October 14, 2019 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: Chair, James Degnan, Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, Margaret Ives, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf, Robert Spoerl, and Alternate, Justin Mitchell. Alternates, Paul Dionne and Anne Marie Chase were absent. Town Council Liaison, Neil Wetherbee was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2019 as presented. Robert Spoerl seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2019 with an amendment to change the date in the header and footer from September 9, 2019 to September 23, 2019. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

A survey has been received from American Forest Foundation which needs to be filled out.

DES:

45 Mill Rd – Tax Map 6/ Lot 040-001 – DES received a completed and accepted a Wetlands Permit application on October 1, 2019. It is now administratively complete. This does not allow work to begin. The notification received is for acceptance only.

Chair gave reminder of the Household Hazardous Waste Day to be held November 23, 2019 from 9:00 am to noon, at Nelson Field, off Sargent Rd. in Londonderry. Thanks were given to the volunteers that help out with the event

An article published in the Manchester Union Leader on the Town of Somersworth using goats to eat the Japanese Knotweed. The article was passed around.

Eversource Transmission Line Review:

Lindsay White from GZA Environmental presented. Jenny Menendez from Eversource Energy was in attendance. Lindsay gave an overview of the project. This is a minimum wetland impact. Poles are being replaced due to aging of the poles now in place. The area begins about .3 miles south of English Range Rd and continuing about a mile to Overledge Dr. Pole # 319 will be replaced on transmission line #391. Poles #331 and # 321 will be replaced on transmission line #373. The new poles will be 5-10' taller and 3-6 inches larger in diameter. The poles run parallel to each other. Any wetland impact caused by the pole installation will be temporary. Shields Brook is the main wetland crossing. Timber matting will be used to cross the wetland. Straw waddle, silt sock, or silt fence will be used depending on topography. Turtles and snakes will be moved out of the way of construction. All materials will be removed after installation and the area will be stabilized with seeding and mulching. The start date will be early November and the project is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year. The project will be rechecked in the spring for stabilization growth. DCC members had no concerns after viewing the plan presented.

Site Review:

14 Folsom Rd – Tax Map 35/ Lot 11-001, Professional Office Park, Fuss & O'Neill – Brian Pratt presented. This is a follow-up visit this evening. The plan is to build 8 office buildings. DCC reviewed the plan presented at the previous meeting. A site walk has been done by DCC. The following changes will be made:

1. Existing conditions page - Groundwater protection line added in red to the plan. The bulk of the site is not in the groundwater protection area.
2. Soil legends will be added in the upper right corner of the plan on the first page to avoid flipping from page to page of the plan to view the soils.
3. Snow storage – A catch basin will be added next to unit #4 to avoid runoff toward the Derry Police Station parking lot. The upper left corner near the detention basin will be regraded to allow snow melt to flow into the detention basin and be pretreated.
4. Water body discharge – There are two discharge points off to the north and the west, which will flow into Beaver Brook.
5. Must use a Green Snow Pro Contractor/ reduced amounts of salt use.
6. The Invasive species note must be added to the plan.

No start date for the project has been set at this time. The widening of Interstate 93 and the construction of Exit #4A will be a factor in getting started, hopefully sometime within the next two years. DCC feels that the site walk went well. The area is dense for viewing at this time. Contractors will communicate with the abutters about the swale etc. as construction starts to take place.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion for Chair to sign the plan with the addition of the Invasive Species note to be added to the plan. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Broadview Gardens and Broadview maintenance – There are still 13 plots that still have fences up at this time. The deadline date for cleanup is November 1st. Another email reminder will be sent to the gardeners to clean up their plots. On a good note, one gardener yielded 40 lbs. of Sweet Potatoes this year. There was previous discussion on having a maintenance plan and probably getting assistance from the town by using the brontosaurus machine to clear out Broadview. The paths do get mowed. The field needs to be hayed. The haying process will be looked into, if not this year, then next year. The Oak tree has a lot of growth under and around it. The edges need clearing of invasives and the gardens need to be opened up to let more sun in. It turned out that the town's equipment is not capable to handle the job. A private contractor needs to be hired to do the job. Estimates have been received from John Browns logging Co. at a cost of \$1,600.00 a day. It seems that (4) days work might be needed. There was discussion on maybe doing (2) days work to see how much could be taken care of in that amount of time and then (2) days more work at another time if needed. Is it better to have the equipment unloaded and used once for offloading purposes? The outcome was that Chair, James Degnan will contact the company to see if they will go out and take a look at amount of work that needs to be done and determine the amount of days that it would take to do the job. Some monies from the Doolittle timber harvest could be rolled into the cost. From this discussion, ~~a factor came to realization that~~ the Conservation Commission realizes that the maintenance of the Conservation properties will be creating future expenses going forward in order to keep them up.

Shepard Cleanup -James Degnan, Ric Buzzanga William Lowenthal and Justin Mitchell recently spent some time sprucing up the Shepard property. They cleared the area near the sign and they raked out the picnic area sites. A new board was installed on one of the picnic table benches. Thanks were given to Ric Buzzanga for fixing the picnic bench. This is a beautiful area with a lot of nice features. The trail should be blazed down to the stream to make these features more accessible for viewing. Parking off Pond Rd. should be improved for users to access the area. The group took photos of the cleanup process and posted the photos on the **Bringing Derry Together** website. A lot of public response was received from the media posting. Some people didn't even know of Shepard's existence. Social media is a good way to get the word out. There should be more of it done. Perhaps every time a cleanup is done.

Cole Marsh -Grace Reisdorf cleaned up part of Cole Marsh. She picked up 12 bags of trash near the far side of Damren Rd. and the corner of Walnut Hill Rd. Thanks were given to Grace.

The North Shore Rd. culvert project is now complete. End results were good. Kudos was given for a job well done.

Boy Scouts:

Scout, Xavier Anthony has built and stained 2 tent platforms for Broadview. He has landscaped and leveled all six platforms. Xavier would like to attend the next DCC meeting to show his project. He will need a letter for the ~~scouts~~ Scout Board for the work he accomplished. A final sign off by DCC needs to be done so Xavier Anthony can present his project to the Town council.

Other Business:

Grace Reisdorf has registered to attend the NHACC annual meeting. ***Ric Buzzanga made a motion to reimburse Grace Reisdorf \$60 for the cost for her to attend the meeting. The money will be taken from the Administrative account. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. Grace Reisdorf abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.***

Eileen Chabot recently attended the UNH Invasive Species Workshop. She would like to implement what she learned at the workshop. Eileen would like to take a look at all the conservation properties and scale up a plan, starting with the ones that need the most Invasives Species work done. Start there. Then go on to the other properties. Eileen just received links to all the workshops she attended. The links will be passed on to DCC members. She received a (2018) copy of the Invasive Species Handbook. The public can get an online version of the handbook by going to www.agriculture.nh.gov or by calling (603) 271-3488. For info on Aquatic Invasive Species call Amy Smagula, Clean Lakes and Aquatic Species Coordinator at DES (603)271-2298.

An invoice has been received for the DCC 2020 annual membership dues from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. The Amount due is \$1075.00. ***Margaret Ives made a motion to pay \$1075.00 to NHACC for the Derry Conservation Commission annual dues. The money will be taken from the Administrative account. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.*** There was discussion on what factors determine the amount of the dues charged by NHACC. How is it calculated? Is it a fair amount? Right now the amount of the dues is 1/5 of the Conservation Budget. DCC will propose the question to NHACC at the business portion of their annual meeting in November 2019.

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Recording Clerk/Ruth Robinson