



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

**Minutes of Public Meeting October 9 23, 2017**

On October 23, 2017 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: Paul Dionne, Chair, Eileen Chabot, James Degnan, Margaret Ives, and Marius Zainea. Alternate, Peg Kinsella, William Lowenthal, and Marc Vagos. Town Council Liaison Neil Wetherbee was present. Ric Buzzanga and Alternate, William Ventura were absent. Peg Kinsella sat for Ric Buzzanga.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Margie Ives made a motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2017. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:**

A notice has been received from the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association. They will be holding a class on "*Farm Tractors for Forestry Back to Basics*". The class will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> in Bridgewater, NH. The notice was passed around.

The *Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day* will be held in Londonderry at Nelson Field, which is off of Sargent Rd. The date and time is November 18th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The Derry website has items listed that can and cannot be dropped off.

**Update on Conservation Activities:**

The Land Steward report on Quail Hill has been turned in by Mary Eisner and Peg Kinsella.

The steward report on Cole Marsh has been received.

James Degnan has walked the Town Forest. He will hand in a written report and some photographs shortly. He did advise the commission that not much has changed in the forest since last year.

**Go Green:**

A reminder was given for the "Button Up" this Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>. The workshop will last about 1 ½ hours. The workshop is on how to save energy in the home.

A reminder was also given for the Go Green movie presentation to be held at the library on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Doors open at 5:45 pm. The documentary is 90 minutes long and is titled "Liquid Assets". *Broadview Gardens* – There are 10 plots at this time that need to be cleaned up before November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Recess:**

The Commission is awaiting Forester, Charlie Moreno's presence. He is not in attendance yet so a brief recess was taken at 7:09 pm.

**Meeting called back to order:**

7:17 pm. Charlie Moreno is now present.

**Forestry Management Plan, Doolittle Property:**

Charlie Moreno has walked the Doolittle property and will be working on a Forestry Management plan for the property. Before Charlie spoke to the commission, Town of Derry, IT Director, Doug Rathburn, gave a video presentation of drone footage of the Doolittle Property that he took along with Arthur Caras. The drone entered the property over the Caras field and followed along the old trolley bed. Adams Pond could be seen in the distance. Next, it flew along Manter Brook which feeds Beaver Lake. Beaver Lake could be seen in the distance. The footage gave good visuals of the tree line and the thickness of the forest. Applause was given to Doug Rathburn for a very nice presentation.

Charlie explained that Upon entering the forest from the Caras Field side, there is an area that has had a partial harvesting done to it. It was done before Arthur Caras owned the property, which would be pre 1980's. Through this partial harvesting, younger Black Birch trees have sprung up. Now this section is a two age forest with a combination of 100 year old Pine trees and 45 year old Black Birch trees. Another area of the property has had a clear cut about 75 years ago. This area is now Pine and Oak. Another area is tall Pines, Hemlock and younger mixed hardwoods. Charlie stated that his Forestry Management plan would be to maintain middle aged healthy trees, opening up the canopy to allow light to enter the forest to aid new growth. He recommended a light thinning of the forest be done to maintain diversity. There is a small amount of invasives which can be handled. There is a stream crossing that will need a notification permit.

If the plan is to move forward, an access area into the forest will be needed. Arthur Caras has offered to allow entrance through a lane on his property. Charlie recommended a cut be done the winter of 2017-2018.

*Margie Ives made a motion for the Derry Conservation Commission to move forward and to work with Forester, Charlie Moreno to develop a Forestry plan for the Doolittle property, knowing that it will maintain diversity. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Charlie will mark the trees to be harvested and DCC will be able to walk the property before the cut. A suggestion was made for drone footage to be done after the cut for a before and after perspective.

**Adjournment:**

Eileen Chabot made a motion to adjourn. Peg Kinsella seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson