



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting October 26, 2020

On October 26, 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, Eileen Chabot, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf and Bob Boonstra. Alternate, Justin Mitchell was present via Zoom. Margaret Ives, Robert Spoerl and Alternate Paul Dionne, were absent. COVID-19 restrictions are still in place. The members present wore masks and sat at a six-foot social distancing rule.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from August 24, 2020 meeting had been tabled. Ric Buzzanga made a motion this evening to approve the minutes of August 24, 2020 with the amendment of a name correction. Bob Boonstra seconded the motion. Eileen Chabot and Justin Mitchell abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2020. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. Justin Mitchell abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

DES:

13 North Shore Rd. Tax Map 56/Lot 32 – A report has been received of a dock installed without a permit or proper authorization. DES is looking into this. DCC will follow up accordingly to insure compliance.

A letter has been received from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions. The letter references the amount due for annual dues from Derry for next year (2021). DCC Member, William Lowenthal had looked into the rating process as to how NHACC calculated the amount due. After looking into William Lowenthal's request, NHACC reduced Derry's amount due for 2021 to \$800.00. In the past, the amount of dues was calculated at around \$1,100.00 to \$1,200.00.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to pay the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions \$800.00 for annual dues, to be taken from the Administrative account. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Derry Planning Department and the Economic Development office has formed a committee that has placed an online survey on the Derry website (derrynh.org) called Re-imagine Hood Park. They are looking for public suggestions as to what the public would like to see at the park. DCC asked the public to please take the survey and contribute ideas. It is a chance to contribute.

Site Plan Review:

17 Young Rd. and 13 Old Chester Rd.- Tax Map 9/Lot 126 -Brandon Wing from Promised Land Survey of Derry gave the presentation. This is a minor 2-lot subdivision. No variances have been needed. There is ample area and frontage. Mark West from West Environmental delineated the wetlands. The wetland was described as a year-round pond. There will be no wetland impact. High intensity soils were done by Bruce Gilday of Concord. The proposed driveway on Old Chester Rd. is an existing gravel access to the lower portion of the parent parcel. The plan has been presented to the Technical Review Committee. TRC's comments have been addressed. The proposed dwelling has not been staked out at this time. The setback from the dwelling to the wetland will be 31.4 feet at its closest point. The required wetland setback is 30 feet for under 1 acre of wetland. DCC'S concern was that the final footprint of the dwelling would not approach the wetland any closer than the display box that is shown on the plan now. DCC will do a site walk October 31, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Site Plan Review:

8 North Shore Rd. Tax Map 55/Lot 22 -Brandon Wing from Promised Land Survey of Derry gave the presentation. Ric Buzzanga recused himself from this presentation. This is Ric Buzzanga's project. The proposal is a minor 3-lot subdivision. A variance for frontage on a town approved road was granted on June 6, 2019. There is a proposed private roadway into the property and a proposed shared driveway for the two new lots in the rear. There is a small pocket of wetlands that have been delineated by Tom Sokolowski of Bow, in the back of the property. Tom also performed a high intensity soil survey. The property will be tied into town sewer. No definitive house footprint has been submitted at this time, but the proposal is to not build within 30 feet of the wetland as required. DCC had concerns of the upward slope of the private road and road salt running into the lake. The plan has been presented to TRC and their comments are being addressed. TRC was also concerned about the steepness of the proposed road. The plan is being sent back to engineering to minimize the vertical curves in the road etc.

Ric Buzzanga, 8 North Shore Rd. took a seat as a citizen/resident with Brandon Wing to add to the presentation. Ric Helped design the plan. Ric Buzzanga stated that all storm water would be treated above grade. There will be no catch basins. Everything will be recharged on site through Riprap swales on each edge of the driveway. There is an overflow of the farm pond in the upper right corner which trickles for about 1 month in the rainy season. This flows down the hill to a small detention area and then flows below grade into an existing town catch basin on the road. Most of the stormwater will be prevented to free flow into the lake and rather perk into the ground. DCC will do a site walk October 31st immediately following the Young Rd. and Old Chester RD. site walk.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Chair, James Degnan has been communicating with Mike Fowler of Derry Public Works on repairing/keeping the fence at Broadview, which is in poor condition. DCC wants to keep vehicles out of the field yet still allow mowing equipment to enter the area. There was discussion on installing boulders and a gate, versus installing another fence. Justin Mitchell has some boulders that could be used. James Degnan will continue to communicate with Mike Fowler and DCC will follow up on this.

At the Damren Rd. entrance to Cole Marsh, the trail has been littered with blankets and pillows as if someone has been sleeping there. There is some long-standing barbed wire near the main marsh that needs some orange flagging on it. There was a previous accident near the Damren Rd entrance. A sawhorse displaying a caution sign is now in place. Some Riprap has been placed next to the wetland. The guardrail has been removed in that area. These things will be looked into.

Broadview Gardens – The gardens are all done now. There are about 8 gardeners that have not cleaned their plots. An email has been sent to the remaining gardeners to please clear out their plots by the November 1st deadline. There has been some response.

William Lowenthal hosted a tour of the gardens to a group of 4th grade home schoolers and their parents, which was enjoyed by all.

The Derry Garden Club held a social distance meeting at Broadview. A number of people that attended the club meeting had never seen the Broadview property. It was great exposure for the area.

William Lowenthal has received a call from an Environmental student at Pinkerton Academy asking if he could tap Maple trees on the Broadview property. This would be his own project not a school project. He is building an evaporator and he would like to learn the process. DCC had concerns of carrying heavy buckets of sap out of the area by hand where no vehicles are allowed in the area, removal of tapping equipment, concern of other citizens wanting to tap trees or do different things in the area, etc. A suggestion was made to have the student go through Pinkerton and have the school request the project on his behalf. This would make the project an Educational use which is an accepted use at Broadview.

Other Business:

NHACC had a Zoom presentation called "Zoom in on the Rock". It was a presentation on Rockingham County and the use of buffers. The presentation had helpful information on buffers in an agricultural setting and buffers around the Great Bay area. There are two recommended web sites to access. One of the websites is bufferoptionsnh.org and the other is rockinghamcountyconservationdistrict.org.

The NHACC Annual Conference will be held on November 7, 2020. The conference will be a Zoom presentation from 8:00 to 12:00 noon. The cost of attending the zoom conference is \$35.00.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to reimburse interested DCC members \$35.00 to those members that would like to attend the NHACC conference. The money will be taken from the Administrative account. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson