



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

### **Minutes of Public Meeting October 24th, 2022**

On October, 2022, the Derry Conservation Commission met at the Derry Municipal Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room at 7:00 pm. The following members were present in person: James Degnan (Chair), Bob Boonstra, Bob Spoerl, Eileen Chabot and Jeannie Cunningham. Council Liaison Neil Wetherbee was present. Following members were absent Grace Reisdorf, Margie Ives. Jeannie Cunningham sat for Grace Reisdorf.

*Will Lowenthal entered the meeting via zoom at 7:06. Councilor Wetherbee joined as well in person.*

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Bob Boonstra motions to approve the minutes from 7.25.22. Eileen Chabot seconds. 3 vote yes. Bob Spoerl and Eileen Chabot abstain. Motion carries.

Bob Boonstra motions to approve the minutes from 8.8.22. Eileen Chabot seconds. 3 vote yes. Bob Spoerl and Eileen Chabot abstain. Motion carries.

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

*State of NH Check:* Check received believed to be from Moose Plate grant 338.42 cents to be sent to finance.

*DES notice:* 4 Taylor Brook Lane, Tax map 18 Lot 20 and 21. Report of alleged violation.

*DES notice:* Utility permit by notification. Permit approved.

*DES notice:* 356 Island Pond Rd. Permit approval.

*DES notice:* 32 Pinkerton St, Tax map 36 Lot 26. Wetland Minor Impact Application received and under review.

*DES notice:* 21 Germantown Rd, Tax map 19 Lot 94 Wetlands Permit by Notification; Wall Repair project.

Application Received: Schurman Dr. will be presented at 11/14 meeting.

### **Conservation Project Updates:**

*UNH Furbearer study:* Chair shared some results of animals found as well as a few select pictures. Chair stated parcels monitored were Broadview, Weber, and Gulf Rd. UNH and Andrew Webber has asked us to continue monitoring for an additional 3 years.

Bob Boonstra motions to approve 3 year extension to the study with the full data sent to the commission. Bob Spoerl seconds. All in favor, motion carries.

*Broadview Farm Maintenance:* DPW has assisted with flail mowing. Garden beds have been opened up. The perimeter has been opened up in the main fields. There was feedback regarding the view and ability to safely survey the property from the parking lot that triggered the maintenance. Chair noted that the original stone walls can be seen now beyond the brush as well as some original farm fencing and bird houses. Eileen Chabot asked if the parcel will continue to feature tall grass land for the birds. Chair stated yes, it is on the schedule for a mowing next year. Eileen Chabot stressed concern for not cutting too much and clearing a bit of bird and rabbit habitat. Commission has been very selective with the cutting; leaving a good buffer for habitat. Councilor Wetherbee asked about the sumac at the parking area. Chair noted that there was a selective cut in that area and there will be more in the future. There will need to be discussion in the spring regarding the mowing plan for the paths. The commission discussed limiting cutting to the perimeter loop and a cut through the center.

*Collette's Mountain:* New entrance constructed off Collettes Grove Rd. A newly created map will be released soon in conjunction with the Hampstead Commission. This parcel triggered great collaboration with the Hampstead Commission. Chair noted there will be a movement of some no trespassing signs at Collette's Mountain onto the appropriate location.

*Mapping:* More to come but we are seeking to continue collaboration with Hampstead Commission and Avenza mapping. Cole Marsh map show as a draft map as well.

### **Other Conservation Activities**

*NHACC Video*– Dues invoice received. 800.00 due for 2023 membership.

Eileen Chabot motions for 800.00 to be paid out of the admin account for NHACC dues. Bob Spoerl seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

*4A meeting* – Bob Boonstra shared that he attended the meeting. There is concern for a crossing that was originally proposed to be a tunnel under Madden Rd. The proposal now has plans for a bridge over Beaver Brook which goes through the 100 year flood plain. There is also a concern for the slope of the tail through this area. Bob Boonstra also shared concern for Project C which effects a wetland location near Tsienetto Rd and Route 102. Will Lowenthal advised that wetland is part of a prime. Bob Boonstra shared it is believed the town is in favor of the current plan. Neil Wetherbee stated he has seen flooding in the area of Madden Rd multiple times over the years. Commission will reach out to DOT to share information on this crossing.

*Bird Boxes @ Broadview-* Will Lowenthal shared he has been maintaining them. All 12 boxes were used this year and some utilized more than once. Tree swallows, bluebirds, and house wrens have been the identified users of the boxes.

**Adjournment:** Bob Boonstra motions to enter non-public per RSA 91A:3-11(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Eileen Chabot seconds. Roll Call vote; all yes. Motion Carries.

Bob Boonstra motions to invite Councilor Wetherbee to the Non-Public. Eileen Chabot seconds. Roll Call vote; all in favor. Will Lowenthal states he will not attend the non-public session and leaves the meeting. Entering non-public ends the public meeting.

Meeting Adjourns 7:58pm

Recorder: James Degnan

