



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting November 16, 2020

On November 16, 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 and Bob Boonstra. Margaret Ives, Grace Reisdorf, Robert Spoerl and Alternates, Paul Dionne, and Justin Mitchell were absent. Bob Boonstra sat for Margaret Ives. All members present wore masks and sat at a six-foot social distance COVID-19 requirement.

Approval of Minutes:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2020. William Lowenthal seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

DES:

Chair, James Degnan has been in contact, with Neil Bilodeau from the NH Department of Environmental Services, just to touch base with him. Neil is expecting a busy Spring in (2021) as far as activity goes, for the Town of Derry.

6 Grandview Ave. Tax Map 55/Lot 54 – This is a notification that an application has been received and is under review.

The most recent newsletter "Supply Lines" of the Drinking Water and Ground Water Bureau Division of DES has been received. The Newsletter was passed around. A new Administrator, Brandon Kernen has been appointed to the bureau. Congrats were given to Brandon.

Site Plan Review:

17 Young Rd. and 13 Old Chester Rd, Tax Map 9/Lot 126, Promised Land Survey – Due to certain circumstances, a representative from Promised Land Survey was unable to be present this evening. DCC had previously reviewed the plan and has done a site walk of the area with Brandon Wing from Promised Land Survey. During the site walk, the location of the wetland and where the proposed house was going to be constructed was verified. The house will be positioned outside of the wetland setback. DCC did notice a heavy presence of Bittersweet on the roadside and an inland cluster around the wetland area. DCC had discussion with Brandon

Wing on the site walk and had made some recommendations to Brandon at the time for the Invasive species note be put on the plan, as well as advising the homeowner of basic preferences and practices of the Bittersweet removal control process.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to put a comment on the plan for urging the applicant to mitigate the invasive vegetation using appropriate control measures. William Lowenthal seconded the motion. There was discussion and a friendly amendment was made to the motion.

Ric Buzzanga re-stated his motion as follows. The comment on the plan will read the Derry Conservation Commission urges the applicant to mitigate the invasive vegetation on the parcel using appropriate control measures pursuant to State Rules and Guidelines. William Lowenthal accepted the friendly amendment. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Plan Review:

8 North Shore Rd. Tax Map 55/Lot 22 – The plan was not fully presented to the commission this evening. DCC had previously viewed the plan at an earlier meeting and had done site walk. The plan will be re-visited at a later date.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Chair has received a bill from William Lowenthal for the cost of his attendance at the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Conference. Payment for the cost of attendance was approved for members at a previous DCC meeting. There were no other bill submissions this evening.

Chair has been corresponding with the Parks Department on the Broadview fence for either replacement or for the use of boulders, the gate etc. There will be more to come on this.

The Broadview Gardens clean-up date was November 1, 2020. Some gardeners still had not complied when the site was last visited. Another survey of the gardens will be done to check on the status.

Other Business:

Chair had received a call to action from a resident stating that a chain saw would be needed in the removal of a downed tree on the Grinnell Trail. Chair will speak with the Public Works Department on getting the tree removed.

Chair has also had conversation with a resident who is requesting using the trail heads for advertising. This is not an accepted use. The public was asked not to put up business cards etc. on the sign boards.

At Cole Marsh, the beavers are chewing the trees to a point where some could fall soon. This could be a liability. Chair will reach out to the state as to who should cut these trees down.

DCC Members will walk the Low Property on November 25, 2020 at to take another look at the beaver dam that had let go earlier in the year.

Public Service Announcement:

This is hunting season in New Hampshire. The public was advised to wear orange and to make sure that their dogs are clad with some orange during this hunting season.

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. Bob Boonstra seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson