



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting December 14, 2020

On December 14, 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, William Lowenthal were present in the DMC meeting room. Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, Grace Reisdorf, Justin Mitchell and Bob Boonstra were present on Zoom. Members Margaret Ives, Robert Spoerl and Alternate, Paul Dionne, were absent. Bob Boonstra sat for Margaret Ives. Justin Mitchell sat for Robert Spoerl. Robert Spoerl was absent at the start of the meeting when the Conservation Commissioners were introduced but he was later present via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes:

William Lowenthal made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2020. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. Justin Mitchell and Grace Reisdorf abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

The fall issue of the Southeast Land Trust newsletter was passed around.

An update has been received from the South East Land Trust on the town property off Willow Ave. Seasonal Steward, Cassandra Pearl of SELT monitored the property. She found the property to be in good shape. It has had a lot of use by horseback riders. There is an unlabeled tree stand in the interior portion of the property. DCC Chair, James Degnan will check into that.

DES:

13 North Shore Rd.- Tax Map56/Lot 32 – This is a letter of compliance received from Neil Bilodeau of DES. A seasonal dock had been removed. It is noted in the letter that any further work done on that property will be subject to the proper permitting from NHDES. Thanks, were given to Neil Bilodeau for following up on that.

68 Beaver Lake Ave. – Tax Map 51/Lot 81- This is a notice to the commission of an application for an impact to the jurisdictional shoreland. DCC has not received a completed application for this project. James Degnan will reach out to the applicant.

Site Plan Review:

17 Young Rd. and 13 Old Chester Rd. – Tax map 9/Lot 126. Promised Land Survey. Tim Peloquin of Promised Land Survey gave the presentation. DCC had previously been presented the plan and has done a site walk. DCC had requested that a note be added to the plan regarding the removal of Invasive Species. A motion was made with a friendly amendment at the previous DCC meeting to add the note to the plan as follows. The note on the plan now reads: Note #14 -The Derry Conservation Commission urges the applicant to mitigate the Invasive Species education on the parcel, using the appropriate control measures pursuant to NH State Rules and Guidelines.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion for the Chair to sign the plan. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All members present in the meeting room voted yes. All members on Zoom voted yes to the motion. Motion carried.

Site Plan Review:

92 Rockingham Rd. – Tax Map 5/Lot 52, Herrick Consulting, James Herrick presented. The owner of the property, Tree Line Property Services LLC, Thomas Saad, was present. The property has a deep slope. There is an existing home structure on the property. The project is to remove the home structure and construct a 60 ft. X 100 ft. garage with an office space. Some grading will be done. The area that is currently being paved will be re-paved. Paved area (d) currently paved, is parking for an existing gift shop. This will be re-paved. Paved area (c) is where a lot of the wood products are stored. This will be re-paved. A small portion where there is an existing retaining wall will be re-paved. There is a gravel road that leads down into the lower portion of the property where the operations such as wood cutting and wood splitting take place. This road will be re-graded, and a guardrail will be installed. The Lower area portion is presently a gravel surface and will remain that way. The furthest area, area (a) is an area that had been previously cut and has some exposed soil causing erosion control problems and concern of abutters. The town wants this area (a) addressed and this is being worked on. This area will be filled to match the grade, stabilization and evergreen plantings will take place. Evergreens will also be planted at the top of the guardrail portion to create a buffer for the abutters down-slope. The grading to be performed is intended to bring the water flow to the back of the lot and away from the brook that runs along the right side of the property. There will be no drainage structures.

DCC questioned if this type of operation needs a specific Milling License (RSA 22-1:9) DCC requested the owner check into this. There are also protocols for wood chip storage and run-off from the chips. DCC asked that this be checked into also.

DCC would like the Invasive Species note added to the plan. There was much discussion on the sheet flow and erosion control measures on the gravel road leading down to the rear of the property. The road will be pitched to the left leaving a high side on the right. DCC would like to see some jute matting in place on the right of the road to help with erosion. This will be reviewed more at the time of the site walk.

Snow storage was also questioned by DCC. DCC would like the snow stored in an area where there would be no run-off going into the brook. DCC will do a site walk of the property December 19, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Low Property - James Degnan and William Lowenthal recently walked the Low Property. It is in good shape. They checked on the beaver dam that had let go. The beavers have not built the dam back up. In the spring, the property needs to be re-blazed.

Broadview - The fence at Broadview has been replaced by The Derry Parks and Recreation Department. A nice new natural wood fence has been installed and the existing gate was re-installed. A suggestion was brought up as to install more boulders around the parking area or not. Thanks, were given to the Derry Parks and Rec. Dept. for installing the new fence. William Lowenthal and his wife picked up a lot of trash in the camping area at Broadview and cleaned out the nesting debris in the bird houses. Thanks, were given to William Lowenthal and his family for their efforts.

Rockingham Trail – The trail has been regraded.

Cole Marsh – The Damren Rd, Fran Cormier Trail - The guardrail in that area had been damaged. A new guardrail has been put in place.

Broadview Gardens – The web page needs to be updated for next year. Another thing needed going forward is a new design for the compost bins.

The public was reminded that all the Conservation properties in Derry are carry in and carry out for trash. There is a receptacle at Broadview.

William Lowenthal made a motion to adjourn. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson