



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

**Minutes of Public Meeting December 3, 2018**

On December 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in room #207 on 2nd floor of the Derry Municipal Center.

The following members were present: James Degnan, Chair, Eileen Chabot, Margaret Ives, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf, Robert Spoerl, and Alternates, Paul Dionne, David Hernandez and William Ventura. Ric Buzzanga and Alternate, Justin Mitchell were absent. William Ventura sat for Ric Buzzanga.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Margie Ives made a motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2018. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. Grace Reisdorf abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

**Chair's Report & Correspondence:**

A public hearing will be held on Exit 4 - A at West Running Brook School, December 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The Exit 4-A proposal is to extend a new roadway to the East 7.5 miles to North High St. A map and plans will be available for viewing.

The South East Land Trust newsletter and the publication "Supply Lines" were passed around.

**DES:**

*5 Karen Ave.* – Tax Map 58/Lot 68 – A notification from DES was received for alleged barring of stumps within 25 ft. of the property line and 75 ft. of a drinking water well within the wetland without authorization. An investigation was done. Unfounded. The file has been closed.

*28 Coles Grove Rd.* - Tax Map 50 Lot 51018 – Letter of Compliance. This is an approval for an after-the-fact Shoreland Impact permit.

*15 Escumbuit Rd.* – Tax Map 16/ Lot 18 –Shoreland Impact permit 10,000 sq. of protected shore land in order to raise and replace a primary structure, add a driveway, garage and breezeway. Approved on November 9, 2018.

*1 Jenney Dickey Hill Rd.* – Tax Map 51003/001 – A wetlands permit by notification for a parcel on Beaver Lake. DCC had previously looked at this in the field.

### **Site Review:**

*17 Back Chester Road* - Tax Map 112 /Lot 118, Engineer, Peter Holden of Holden Engineering and Surveying was not in attendance this evening. DCC had previously done a site walk of the area. Peter and the owner were present at the previous DCC meeting to answer any findings from the site walk. No wetland impact was noted. DCC was confident with the conditions.

***Bob Spoerl made a motion for Chair to sign the plan. William Ventura seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

### **Site Review:**

*8.5 Richardson Road* - Tax Map 10/Lot 62-20, Don Ware of Pennichuck Water Works presented. This parcel is an existing lot of record designated as a water supply lot. The lot contained a single well, which was used as a community well for supplying a water system to 29 homes, some duplexes, back at the time of the development of Richardson Estates. Three years ago this water system was connected to the water system at Maple Haven, a much more productive system. The building on the parcel was torn down and the well was decommissioned. Pennichuk Water is paying the taxes on this parcel and would like to get the parcel re-zoned for a change of use to possibly sell the land as a single family residential lot. The plan was taken to the Zoning Board. The front of the lot did not have enough frontage, which required a variance and the variance was granted in June of 2018. The plan then went to the Planning Board in September to have the water supply designation removed, since it was not the responsibility of the ZBA. The Planning Board had a split vote. Some of the members were concerned that DCC had not reviewed the plan. They also had concerns as to whether or not the Conservation Commission would possibly like to purchase the property. There is a 15 foot gravel driveway with an easement. There is a culvert in place. There is a Conservation corridor that will remain. The easement will remain. There is no wetland impact. This property has been a topic of discussion in the Non-public hearings recently held by DCC. There is likely no interest by DCC in acquiring the property but some of the DCC members would like to do a site walk of the property before deciding on whether or not to acquire the parcel. Members will attend a site walk of the property on their own, not as a group during the week of December 9<sup>th</sup>. Abutters will be notified in advance of their presence in the area for security reasons. There was no action taken this evening on this other than scheduling the site walk. The topic will be put back on the agenda for the next DCC meeting in January of 2019.

Scout Project Proposal: Alex Mayo Troop 402 - There was no one present from the scouts and no discussion on this topic this evening.

### **Bills:**

***Margaret Ives made a motion to Reimburse Eileen Chabot \$60.00, to be taken from the Administrative account, for the cost for her to attend the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission Annual Conference. William Lowenthal seconded the motion. Eileen Chabot abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.***

A bill for the NHACC 2019 dues in the amount of \$1075.00 was up for a vote of payment at a previous DCC meeting. There was discussion on the amount of the bill. The amount of \$1075.00 seemed quite high by some of the members compared to other years' dues. This needed to be looked into before payment is issued. Treasurer, Eileen Chabot researched the previous bills. The amount was about the same amount that had been paid in the past. The cost of the dues is calculated in accordance with town or city population.

***Eileen Chabot made a motion to pay \$1075.00 to the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions for 2019 dues, to be taken from the Administrative account. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

A report has been received and was passed around on the Timber Harvest at the Doolittle property. The weather has been rainy. The trees are all tagged at this point but no cutting has been done yet. DCC would like to see an inventory breakdown report on the types of trees chosen for the cut. This has been held until the next meeting so the inventory report can be submitted and viewed.

*T- Shirts* - An order was previously voted on and approved to purchase USA made T-shirts at \$9.00 per shirt. The order has been written up at this time. There is currently a need for a size 2 XL T-shirt. The cost of a 2 XL shirt is \$12.00 per shirt and has a minimum quantity order of 10 shirts.

***Grace Reisdorf voted to order (10) shirts size 2 XL @ \$12.00 per shirt. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. The vote after discussion was (5) yes and (2) opposed (William Lowenthal and William Ventura). Motion carried.*** The cost of the 2 XL shirts will be added to the invoice and submitted.

Grace Reisdorf, Eileen Chabot and William Lowenthal attended the NHACC annual meeting. An update was given on the workshops attended.

Eileen Chabot presented a book that she received at the conference called "Wetlands Best Management Practices". She felt that this book would be useful tool to DCC going forward. She also talked of Science teachers at area schools that were working with their local Conservations Commissions both in the field and in the classroom. Perhaps something like this could be done in Derry. Another topic discussed at the conference was that of the Department of Environmental Services rules. DES is changing its rules. Permits by notification will no longer be sent to Conservation commissions. Abutters will no longer have to be contacted of work being done in their area. There will be public hearings coming up on the projected changes to the DES rules. The list of public hearings, times and places was passed around to the members. DCC is not in favor of the changes.

### **Go Green:**

Go Green is losing members. Liz Carver met with DCC at the previous meeting to advise DCC that she will be leaving the committee. There was discussion on DCC and Go Green having a workshop together to discuss Go Green's future going forward. They were hoping to have the meeting take place before the Thanksgiving Holiday. The workshop did not take place. Chair James Degnan and William Lowenthal will attend the next Go Green meeting, December 13th at 7:00 pm to continue discussion on this.

### **Non-Public Session**

Non-public meeting per RSA 91-A:3-II(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.

***William Ventura made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3(d). David Hernandez seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes. Motion carried.***

The public meeting ended at 8:07 pm and the non-public session began.

Recording Clerk/Ruth Robinson