



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting February 11, 2019

On February 11, 2019 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, Margaret Ives, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf and Robert Spoerl. Alternates, William Ventura, Justin Mitchell and David Hernandez. Eileen Chabot and Alternate, Paul Dionne were absent. David Hernandez sat for Eileen Chabot.

Approval of Minutes:

Margaret Ives made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2019. Ric Buzzanga Seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

DES:

52 Lane Rd. Tax Map 06 /Lot 58 – DES is acknowledging the receipt of a Wetlands Minimum Impact, Forestry notification.

53 Conleys Grove, Tax map 15/Lot 35 – This application is put on hold. There is missing information. Tim Peloquin is looking into this.

Derry Transfer Station – An application has been received from Ariana Spears on the phase #2 funding for the removal of Invasive Species at the transfer station. Phase #1 was done last year. Chair will fill out the application and return it. Thanks were given to Ariana Spears and Lenny Lord for their partnership.

Rutter Easement Continuation – Rebecca Rutter Sanborn was present this evening to represent the Rutter Family. A vote of acceptance of the easement from DCC is needed at this time.

Margaret Ives made a motion to accept the Rutter easement pending legal review. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. David Hernandez abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Plan Review:

17 Taylor Brook Lane – Tax Map 18/Lot 30, MHF Design. Land surveyor, David Jordan presented. This is an expedited permit. The project is to add an additional dock structure. There

is an existing 6 ft. by 30 ft. dock in place now. Adding a second dock of the same dimension 6 ft. by 30 ft. is being requested. There is about 150 feet of frontage. The plan presented tonight illustrates the docks being 10 feet apart. A minor modification is being requested. The modification is to make the distance between the two docks 11 ft. apart instead of 10 ft. in order for an 8-½ foot wide pontoon boat to fit between the two docks. If DCC members agree with the plan and the modification, the adjustments will be made to the plan before submitting to DES. DCC decided that because the plan presented to the commission is very well detailed with sufficient pictures, that a site walk was not necessary.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion for chair to sign the plan as amended showing the two docks lined up 11 feet apart. Bob Spoerl seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Review:

Pinkerton Academy Access Rd. Tax map 8/Lot 68 – Tax Map 43/ lots 6 and 8, Fuss & O'Neill Inc. Brian Pratt presented. The project is to extend the existing access road that leads to the athletic fields. The purpose of the extension is to have a secondary access route to the area for safety purposes. The new route would allow emergency vehicles to enter into the area. It would also help alleviate traffic by giving cars another exit and entrance to and from the parking lots. Pinkerton purchased the 14 acre Daly property a few years ago with this intention. The end of the existing access road will have to be slightly re-aligned in order to avoid an existing shed and field. The route will turn to the left, through the former Daly property and exit next to the house at 33 Tsienneto Rd. There is an embankment between the existing field and the wetland and a large swamp to the North which drains down to an intermittent drainage channel with a 15 inch metal pipe.

DCC has concerns of an area on Tsienneto Rd. that floods every spring due to an artesian well that has been unsuccessful at being capped. The well is between the Upper Room and the convenience store. The flow eventually meanders across the street to the Daly pond. Brian Pratt made a note of this flooding so that he could look into the issue. He was unaware of the situation. He will contact Pinkerton. Possibly a catch basin could be installed in the area on the Pinkerton side to alleviate this problem.

There are existing pipes under Tsienneto Rd. that drain into a depression and then flow off to the pond. These pipes will be preserved. A head wall will be built. All of the flow for the new part of the road will be treated further down into the site by 3 infiltration ponds. There was also concern of overloading the system when snow melts at the existing 15 inch culvert site. Brian Pratt explained the drainage system to the members and he feels that this 15 inch pipe is sufficient. There was a concern from DCC at another portion of the new road where it turns and goes down the hill. The drainage pipe being planned is 15 inches wide and has quite a span in length. DCC would like to see this pipe size increased to 24 inches wide because of its length. Brian made note of this request and will look into it.

DCC will do a site walk February 18th at 10:00 am.

A reminder was given to DCC members with expiring terms to re-sign with Sheila Bodenrader for another term if interested. (James Degnan, Margaret Ives, William Ventura and David Hernandez)

Land Steward Update – A list of possible current land stewards was compiled and passed around. Margaret Ives contacted the current stewards on the list and got replies from most of the volunteers from the community. There was discussion on putting together a packet of what a land steward's role would be and to have instructions for the stewards to follow.

Some suggestions were: If they do accept to be a volunteer, would they be able to send an electronic monitoring feedback to DCC one a month? Would they be able to attend a DCC meeting once a year to submit a monitoring report? Would they be able to attend the Conservation walks? A job description should be created as well a history of the areas. The South East Land Trust has a job description on line to use as a reference. Revamp procedures and re-engage the present volunteers to see if they would be able to follow the new process. Are they still interested? This topic will be re-visited and the current list will be used as a baseline and a finalized list will be created at a later point.

Doolittle Property Select Cut update:

Forester, Charlie Moreno has reported that the area at this time has been very muddy bringing the work to a halt. This past Tuesday was the last trucking day. The cut is now at the half way point. There are some deep ruts that will be fixed. A bulldozer will regrade the area at project completion.

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson