



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting January 22, 2018

On January 22, 2018 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: Paul Dionne, Chair, Ric Buzzanga, James Degnan and Alternate, William Lowenthal. The following members were absent: Eileen Chabot, Margaret Ives and Marius Zainea. Alternates, Peg Kinsell, Marc Vagos and William Ventura were absent. William Lowenthal sat for Margaret Ives.

Approval of Minutes:

An electronic draft of the minutes for January 8, 2018 had previously been emailed to members. Due to inclement weather the recording clerk was not in attendance with the hard copy of the minutes this evening. The minutes of 1-8-2018 will be approved at the next DCC meeting on 2-12-18.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills: There is no correspondence this evening.

Chair, Paul Dionne previously met with the Derry Town Council to discuss DCC plans for the year 2018. Paul informed the council of the upcoming timber harvest at the Albert Doolittle property and the benefits of having the cut done. The cut would let more light into the forest, encouraging more scrub/shrub growth. It would keep the trails safer for trail users and it would increase the wildlife habitat. He explained that there will be more information for the public on the timber harvest forthcoming. Chair also discussed the Conservation Commission and Go Green's presence at Derryfest. He also explained the wonderful work that Go Green does (recycle, reduce and reuse) and the Conservation walks. DCC would also like to look into improving the Land Stewardship program. Getting more people involved in the program would help with the large amount of trail maintenance that needs to be done and possibly cutting new trails.

DES: No Correspondence

Eagle Scout Project:

Xavier Anthony, from Eagle Scout Troop #402, would like to rebuild and refurbish the tent platforms at Broadview. Three of the platforms need to be refurbished and three need to be rebuilt. He would like to

raise the platforms up onto cinder blocks and cut back the brush around them. The old used lumber would be taken off the property. The platforms would be 8' by 10'. The cost would be about \$1,500.00. The money would be raised through fundraisers, cooperate donations and possibly a dinner event. DCC suggested using pressure treated lumber for the platforms and advised against the use of cinder block. There is another type of block available especially made for platforms, etc. DCC also requested limited vehicle usage on the property and hand carrying the lumber into the area. Spring 2018 would be the start date.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion for Chair to sign the Eagle Scout paperwork for the project. William Lowenthal seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Review:

40 Old Chester Road- Tax ID Number 09/139, S&H Land Services, L.L.C. Peter Stoddard presented. This is a one lot subdivision of a 2 and ½ acre parcel. There is an existing house and barn on the property. A new house is proposed on the new lot. Plans had been presented at the previous DCC meeting. DCC did a site walk. No issues were found.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion for Chair to sign the plan. James Degnan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

23 Crystal Avenue- Tax ID Number 32/30 - The Dubai Group Inc. Doug MacGuire presented the plan. The project is for retail spaces and a standalone restaurant. The plan had been presented to DCC back in 2012. A wetlands permit had been obtained and approved at that time and the permit has now been extended to 2022. DCC had done a site walk in 2012 and had no concerns. The project is being brought back to the commission this evening with a change. In the new plan, the existing building will remain and it will be remodeled and refaced, instead of being demolished. It will house 3 retail spaces and a portion of it will be warehouse space. There will be no further encroachment to the wetland with the new plan and all conditions of the previous wetlands permit will be met. A gradual slope away from the remaining building for parking will be created. Other than that, the grade impact will remain basically the same as with the original plan. There will be less retaining wall needed and less fill material used with the new plan. There will be better drainage treatment with the new plan. The new project plan will be presented to the TRC and the Planning Board with the changes. There was discussion on the number of parking spaces. DCC would like to review this parking concern again after the Planning Board and the TRC have reviewed the plan and any to go over any input the other boards may have had. DCC would like to have the snow storage areas identified on the final plan. DCC will do another site walk after plan completion. A copy of the Invasive Species note was given to Doug MacGuire and requested that it be added to the final plan.

Other Business: None

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. James Degnan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson