



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting March 11, 2019

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

Approval of Minutes:

Margaret Ives made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2019. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. William Lowenthal abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

A letter from Tom Cardon containing his monitoring walk report on Collettes Mountain has been received. Tom has agreed to assist with the monitoring going forward. There was some trash in the area that he picked up. Some other notes were made in the letter by Tom, which the Chair will be looking into. A thank you from the commission was given to Tom Cardon.

The South East Land Trust has sent notification dated March 1, 2019 on the properties that they will be monitoring in 2019. On the list is of properties to be monitored is the Caras property off Faith Dr. and Caras the portion off Willow Ave. Corneliusen Woods, Shepard Park and Sawyer properties. No dates have been determined yet. Alternate, Justin Mitchell would like to join SELT on one of the monitoring walks.

Correspondence has been received from SCA (Student Conservation Association of NH Corp.) They are looking for proposals from land managers and community organizers for the 2019 season. Beginning June through Oct. they will be sending a crew of motivated young adults along with trained leaders in a van equipped with tools, etc. to an area for about 11 days. This could be helpful to the commission with the trails off Willow Ave. and possibly assisting with Invasive Species. Margaret Ives will discuss this opportunity with Arthur Caras and follow up.

Correspondence referencing Lot 968-24 - Chair has received a letter from Debra Ruffner from the State of Ohio referring to something that the Derry Conservation Commission was contacted about back in 1996. Chair, James Degnan will research the older files. This is an acknowledgment that Debra Ruffner's letter has been received.

Site Plan Review:

North Point Outdoors – 22 Ashleigh Dr. Tax Map 8/ Lot 280-7 Dubay Group, Carl Dubay presented. Engineer, Alison Lewis was present along with Carl. The owners of the property were also present. The proposal is to construct a full service landscape, snow removal and irrigation business. This is about a 6 acre parcel. It is connected to town sewer & water. The property is zoned Industrial (4). The North Point Outdoors business was established in 2009 and is currently operating in two separate locations. The owners being Derry natives would like to establish their business in their hometown of Derry. The business consists of strictly a commercial clientele, servicing apartment complexes, retail plazas, and snow plowing of such areas in the winter time. They are Green Snow-Pro Certified. All work will be done off site within a 15-20 mile radius of Derry. A 2,500 sq. ft. standalone office building is proposed along with an 11,000 sq. ft. commercial building. The plan presented this evening illustrates the office building in the rear of the property. It has since been determined by the owners that they would like to change the location of the office and have it in the front of the property. The building will be a beautiful icon and should be seen from the front rather than the storage yards being there. It will also provide better use of the parcel. A revised sketch showing the new location of the office was also passed out to DCC members this evening. Storage areas for product and equipment will be in the rear. There are wetlands in the rear of the property. There will be no wetland impact but full development of the property is proposed. Test pits have been done. The soils in the area are very good for this type of development. An Alteration of Terrain permit will be required. To the right of the parcel is an Eversource Power Co. Easement.

DCC is in favor of the new office location. DCC is concerned about the new plan's rear portion being within the 75 foot wetland setback. It was explained that hard scape materials would be stored in this area. The area would be paved with reclaimed asphalt, which is allowed within the setback. The pavement in the setback will be curbed and tilted back away about 22 feet for capturing. This will cause the low area to be in the pavement and not allow sheet flow into the wetland. The vegetated slope will be 3 to 1. Coming down to the wetland the slope will be 2 to 1. This 2 to 1 slope in some areas will be 6 feet and in other areas it will be 24 feet away from the wetland. There will be a double wall, above ground fuel storage tank near the commercial building. There will be a catch basin installed for any drips in the fueling area. Collection for this will be totally separate from water re-charge system. The front corner portion of the property where the new office location will be currently drains forward toward Ashleigh Dr. A system with stubs was installed at the time of development of Ashleigh Dr. Drainage will be connected toward street into the current system. The only materials brought back to the sight would be grass clippings, perennial debris, sometimes small brush etc. No Invasive Species will be brought back to the site. The debris mentioned will be emptied into a bin and removed off the property when the bin is full. Any pesticides used will be stored inside the building. DCC will do a site walk March 25, 2019 at 5:00 pm. They would like to have the wetlands, the setback areas and edge of pavement flagged.

Update on Conservation Activities:

William Lowenthal has created a nice brochure on the Broadview property. Will was applauded for his efforts.

Gardeners will now be able to register for a garden plot online by going to the Town webs site / Conservation tab/Town Owned Properties/click on Broadview.

The email address is broadviewgardening@gmail.com.

The plots have been designated new numbers this year. Plots can also be sub-divided for those who are interested in a smaller section (5x10). Former gardeners were asked to enter their old plot number in the notation section. Registrations will still be accepted by phone also. The phone number is in new brochure and on the website. Registrations will still be accepted by phone. The brochures can be picked up in both libraries or at the Derry Municipal Center.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to reimburse William Lowenthal \$154.83 to be taken from the Administrative account for the cost of printing the brochures. Bob Spoerl seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Land Steward – The volunteer land steward sign-up process will soon be available online. Chair passed around material he created on land steward job description, duties, reporting, walks etc. Members were asked to review the material for a final revision of the plan at the next DCC meeting.

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. William Lowenthal seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson