



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting March 14, 2016

On March 14, 2016 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: Ric Buzzanga, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Chair, Marius Zainea and Alternate, Neil Wetherbee. Members Eileen Chabot, James Degnan and Alternates, Alan Camuso, Peg Kinsella, and Marianne Page were absent. Neil Wetherbee sat for Eileen Chabot.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Paul made a motion to accept the minutes of February 22, of 2016 with one clerical error of the 1st bulleted word from permeant to permanent. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

Chair gave a reminder of the Saving Special Places Conference to be held April 9th at the UNH Cooperative extension from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm. The contact is savingspecialplaces.org.

A brochure from the South East Land Trust was passed around. It contained an article on a Conservation Easement at Burly Farm, located in another town and it also contained a SELT calendar of events.

The Derry Public Library is giving out bookmarks printed with the Spring Adult Programs. One of the programs listed is "Exploring Derry's Wildlife Through the Poetry of Robert Frost", to be held on April 6th at 6:30 pm. TJ Cullinane will be the speaker. There will also be a lecture on "What's Up in the Sky Tonight" by the NH Astronomical Society" on April 20th at 7:00 pm.

On April 21st, the Conservation Commission will hold a Skywatch at Broadview Farm at 7:00 pm. There will be some telescopes available from the Astronomical Society. Bring binoculars or you may bring your own telescope.

The Go Green litter pick-up will begin Saturday, April 16th. The kickoff will be at the Coffee Factory in Derry.

Broadview Farms will be used by the First Baptist Parish Church on Easter Sunday, March 27th at 6:00 am.

DCC members, Margaret Ives, James Degnan, Alternates Marianne Page and Neil Wetherbee, whose terms on the Conservation Commission are expiring, were asked to re-apply if they are interested in serving on the commission again.

Site Review:

229 Rockingham Rd. - Tax Map 3 Lot 72- Meridian Land Services, Wetland Scientist, Tim Ferwerda presented. The proposal is to construct a 40 by 60 foot commercial building, along with parking, to be used for auto repair. The lot is forested, about 2 and ½ acres in size and is mostly wetland. Because of the lack of dry land on the lot, the building would need to be pushed back on the lot and will not meet the 75 ft. wetland setback. This is a Minimum Expedited application. The impact to the wetland will be 2,060 sq. ft. A copy of the plan has been sent to DES for their input. DES suggested not having a 2 to 1 slope along the edge of the pavement, but to instead construct a retaining wall which would eliminate about 500 ft. of wetland disturbance. Some of the DCC members will view the site and report their findings to the other DCC members. The DCC Invasive Plant note was given to Tim Ferwerda, which is to be added to the plan.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Correspondence has been received from The Big Island Pond Cooperation in Hampstead. They are holding an annual fund raising event, April 9th at 6:30 pm at Castleton in Windham. The theme for the night is the "Roaring 20's". Tickets are \$50.00 and includes dinner and dancing. Previous funds from their fundraising events in the past have been used to upgrade the dam on Big Island Pond from fair to satisfactory condition. The contact is - info@bipc.us

DES:

A DES ground and drinking water report was passed around. It contained an article on the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services receiving the US EPA Water Sense Excellence Award in outreach and education.

A letter from the South East Land Trust has been received. They will be monitoring the Shepard, Doolittle, and Corneliusen Woods Conservation Easements. DCC members are invited to take the walks with SELT. Deborah Goard is the SELT contact person.

Other Business:

There was discussion on milfoil treatment to Beaver Lake. DCC would like to obtain more information.

Adjournment:

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson