



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

### **Minutes of Public Meeting March 28, 2016**

On March 28, 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, Eileen Chabot, James Degnan, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Chair, Alternates, Marianne Page and Neil Wetherbee were present. Town Council Liaison, Charles Foote also was present. Marius Zainea and Alternates, Peg Kinsella and Alan Camuso were absent. Marianne Page sat for Marius Zainea.

### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of March 14, 2016 as written with one correction. First Baptist Church should read First Parish Church. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. Eileen Chabot abstained and Marianne Page abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:**

A welcome was given to Town Councilor, Charles Foote who is the new Town Council Liaison to the Derry Conservation Commission for 2016.

Derry public Information meeting - There will be a public informational meeting held by the Department of Transportation at the Derry Municipal center on April 4, 2016, at 7:00 pm, to discuss the improvements proposed for Route 28 by-pass at the intersection of Scobie Pond Rd. and English Range Rd. There is a possibility that historical sites may exist in the project area.

The Chair read an announcement received from the University of NH about a stewardship network that will be held for the training of volunteers in stewardship and educational activities. The contact info is [newengland.stewardshipnetwork.org/training-guide](http://newengland.stewardshipnetwork.org/training-guide).

There will be a meeting at the Derry Municipal Center on April 12, 2016 at ~~8:00~~ 7:00 pm to discuss the proposed herbicide treatment used to treat the Milfoil at Beaver Lake. Biologists from the Department of Environmental Services and the NH Department of Agriculture will be present to discuss the proposed treatment of Milfoil. The area to be treated is in the meadows, which is the outflow of the wetland at the southern end of the lake. Up to this point, attempts were made to treat the Milfoil infestation by divers, but that method has proven to be ineffective. Any questions on the details of the aquatic

herbicide application may be directed to Peter Beisler or Michael Lennon of Solitude Lake Management at (508) 885-0101.

DCC has been invited by the South East Land Trust to attend a VIP reception on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30, at the Music Hall Loft in Portsmouth. Films from the Wild & Scenic Film Festival will be shown.

One of the Girl Scout troops is holding a litter pickup at Broadview.

The Land Steward list needs to be updated. DCC members were asked to submit any known volunteers to the Chair.

#### **Go Green:**

Kudos was given to The Go Green Committee for their time and efforts in holding the litter pickup sessions, held twice a year. The public was reminded of the clean-up weeks held in the spring and fall, how important it is to clean up their neighborhoods and to volunteer at the clean-ups if interested.

*Broadview Gardens* -Peg Kinsella has done the organization of the plots for the gardeners at Broadview for nine years. She has been opening up the plots at the season's start and doing the end of season clean-up. She would like to transition the process over to someone else at this time.

Town Council member and former DCC member Richard Tripp of 44 Windham Rd. spoke at tonight's meeting as a member of the VFW. The VFW is requesting the use of Broadview Farms again this year for a flag retirement ceremony. Last year over a 1000 flags were retired. This year the amount will be less. There was discussion on moving the flag deposit box and sign, which is now near the old transfer station and putting it at the new transfer station building area for more exposure. VFW members will the fire pit at Broadview before and after the ceremony. Estimated time of use for the ceremony will be from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Paul Dionne made a motion to allow the VFW to use the fire pit at Broadview on June 18, 2016 to hold a flag retirement ceremony. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Update on Conservation Activities:**

*Gunther Property Conservation Easement Update* – The property is located at Island Pond and Gulf Roads. Two public hearings were held, one in July, 2015 with DCC and one in October, 2015 with the Town Council. The South East Land Trust was in charge of the program. The Conservation Commission's commitment was for \$386,308.25 in which (\$386,000.00) was approved from the Land Use account. In order to move forward with this, the DCC portion that remains due is \$308.25. Paul Dionne made a motion to pay \$308.25, to be taken from the Administrative account. Marianne Page seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried. Thanks were given to Attorney Brenda Keith for her assistance.

The Conservation Commission will be receiving \$15,000.00 from a Moose Plate grant through the assistance of the South East Land Trust

**Site Review:**

6 & 8 Bowers Rd. Tax Map/Lot 2B-065 – Ground Hog Landscaping. The plan was presented to DCC a previous meeting. A site walk was done on March 27, 2016 at 8:00 am. A meeting was held at the site walk. Paul Dionne, James Degnan, Eileen Chabot and Neil Wetherbee attended. Neil Wetherbee sat for Ric Buzzanga. A motion was made to open the meeting @ 8:08 by James Degnan. All DCC members present voted yes to open the meeting. Members walked the site and noted exceptional detention areas already in place. No invasive species were onsite and all appropriate buffers were in place. Eileen Chabot called a motion for Chair to sign the plan contingent on the invasive species note being added. Neil Wetherbee seconded the motion. All were in Favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 am. At tonight's DCC meeting, Paul Dionne made a motion to accept the minutes of the site walk meeting as written, with the Invasive Species note added to the plan. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor Motion carried.

**Other Business:**

Marianne Page will not be signing on as a Conservation member this year. Thanks were given to Marianne Page for her years of service on the Derry Conservation Commission. She would like to be a Land Steward going forward.

Paul Dionne made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA 91-3a(d)

Non-public meeting per RSA 91-3a(d) "Consideration of the acquisition or lease of property which if discussed in public would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public."

Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All other members were polled and voted yes.

Paul Dionne made a motion to invite Town Council Liaison, Charles Foote, to the non-public session.

Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All members were polled and voted yes. The public meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm and the non-public session began.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson