



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting March 9, 2020

On March 9, 2020 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, Grace Reisdorf and Robert Spoerl. William Lowenthal, Alternates, Paul Dionne, Mary Ann Chase and Justin Mitchell were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2020. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. Margaret Ives and Eileen Chabot abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

The Household Hazardous Waste Day event will be held at West Running Brook School in Derry on Saturday, May 2, 2020 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. There is a list of the articles that you can and cannot bring to the event posted at the libraries and on the Derry website. Residents were asked to participate in this cleanup event and to not dump toxins down the drain or bring the hazardous items to the transfer station.

DES:

64 Lane Rd – Tax Map 6/Lot 60 – This is a project that DCC reviewed in the past and has done a site walk on. DES is reviewing the plan now. DES had some questions on the plan for Tim Peloquin of Promised Land Survey. Tim made some minor changes to the plan. DES will send an updated notification to DCC once they have reviewed the changes.

39 Taylor Brook Lane – Tax Map 112/18019 - This is an Expedited Minimum Impact permit. This is for a dock replacement. DCC would like to view the site.

62 Beaver lake Ave – Tax Map 51/Lot 78 – This is a Shoreland Impact application. The plan is to demolish and rebuild a structure. DCC Chair, James Degnan has walked the site and has spoken with the applicant and the builder. There were no issues.

Spring Clean-up finalization – The final plans were set this evening for the Spring Clean-up event. The event will be held for a one-week time frame, starting April 18th running through April 24th. Blue bags for trash pick-up are available at the Derry Transfer Station.

UNH Co-op Trail Finders Program- Chair, James Degnan gave a presentation to DCC members on The Trail Finders Program. This is an online GPS mapping program of the trail systems throughout the states of New Hampshire and Vermont. Other towns and cities have already been using the program to display their trails and points of interest. The website is www.trailfinder.info. There are about 630 trails listed on the site now. Activities and uses of the trails can be viewed by category such as hiking, biking etc. Other trail features are listed such as difficulty, length and surface, whether or not pets are allowed and the types of flora and fauna growing in the area. Photographs of the parcels can be displayed and parking areas. The current weather forecast is shown on the site. Descriptions of the area with points of interest and any restrictions for the area can be displayed. Chair would like it to be a goal of DCC to have Derry become a part of this online trail system website. The Town of Derry is now using its website to display Conservation areas and trails. Some of the maps being used are old, some are new, and some maps are hand drawn. The Trail Finders online site would be a much better way to provide info to trail users and it will bring Derry up to date with today's technology. There are phone apps that can be downloaded to phones that have GPS capabilities. The KML app is for Google maps and GPX app is for GPS mapping. A user can create an account and log the trails they have used, the number of times they have used a certain trail and likes and dislikes. For those trail users that don't want to download the apps, the maps can be printed.

UNH Cooperative Extension has partnered with The National Park Service, The Forests, Parks and Recs of Vermont, the Upper Valley Trail Alliance and Community CCGIS in creating this online mapping system. The Administrator of the site is Upper Valley Trails Alliance of Vermont. There are two options DCC would need to consider in becoming part of and logging info onto the website. One option is free but with limitations. The other option has a fee. Chair, James Degnan has met with Emma Tutein of UNH Cooperative Extension. James would like to have Emma come to a meeting speak with DCC members. There will be more to come on this project.

Update on Conservation Activities:

DCC Logo Update – At the previous DCC meeting, there was discussion on having some road signs made leading to the Conservation areas and some signs placed at the conservation areas' entrances. Ric Buzzanga contacted Tim Powers, Pinkerton Academy Headmaster, on getting the students involved with coming up with a logo for the signs. DCC members shared thoughts on the design logo this evening such as a meandering trail, date of establishment, something that has to do with Nutfield, nut tree, certain bird, water, or a Blanding's turtle. etc. DCC would like to have the students come up with three options for a design. There will be more to come on this.

The Derry Village Rotary – The Derry Village Rotary Club has funds available to assist the community on a needy project through their "Community Improvement Program Project." Some of the projects the Rotarians have done in the past are the building a pavilion at the Boys & Girls Club, the building of a pavilion at Don Ball Park and the construction of a shed for the Humane Society, etc. The Rotarians not only donate the funds, but their time and work and resources are also donated to make the projects happen. The Rotary runs this program about every 5 years. They may choose to do several of the

projects submitted by the community. DCC members were asked to submit ideas for a project at the next DCC meeting. The deadline for project submission date is June 2, 2020.

Doolittle Property – It has been noted that there has been some inappropriate spray painting/vandalism done at the Doolittle property. The damage has been taken care of by the two land Stewards that walk the property. The public was reminded this evening to not abuse properties.

Doolittle Property -A bridge that was installed at the Doolittle property by an Eagle Scout is too close to the stream. It is sometimes underwater. The Eagle Scout that built the bridge is willing to raise the bridge. The bridge could also use a lower rail attached to it for safety purposes. The Scout who did the project will be contacted and there will be follow-up.

Shepard Property – The wet trench at Shepard has been previously discussed. Public Works Director, Mike Fowler, will be contacted on this.

Adjournment:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson