



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting March 20th, 2023

On March 20th, 2023, the Derry Conservation Commission met at the Derry Municipal Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room at 7:00 pm. The following members were present in person: James Degnan (Chair), Will Lowenthal, Bob Boonstra, Rick Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, Bob Spoerl, and Jeannie Cunningham. Following members were absent Grace Reisdorf, Margaret Ives. Jeannie Cunningham sat for Grace Reisdorf. Council Liaison Erin Spencer was absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Bob Boonstra motions to approve the minutes from 3.6.23. Bob Spoerl Seconds. Will Lowenthal abstains. All else in Favor. Motion carries.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

*DES notice:* 46 Beaver Lake Ave, Tax map 51 Lot 71, Shoreland permit received; will be reviewed.

*Granite State Tree Farmer:* Newsletter received.

Site Plan Review: 55 Crystal Ave Tax Map 36 Lot 55 VHB Presenting

Dave Fenstermacher presenting from VHB; representing Hood Commons/Madison Property. Jake Tennis presenting as a Certified Wetland Scientist with VHB.

Project presented is a 2400 sqft Chipotle with Drive thru off Crystal Ave into Hood Commons. Area has been vacant for some time and currently is just paved and used as parking. For this restaurant there will be 24 parking spaces. Currently rainwater sheet flows into the adjacent wetland. The site improvements here will feature curbing, deep sumps, and a rain garden to help with storm water. To appropriately construct the building and develop site there will be some impact to the wetland area. Current estimate is 1500 sqft potentially will be impacted pending final discussions with town engineering. Impact is due to concrete wall block shoring up edge of site. Snow storage area will be moved and located across the entrance access to Hood Commons in another paved area further from the wetland. Rick Buzzanga confirmed location of catch basins to ensure storm water will be caught onsite. Will Lowenthal asked for total wetland size. Presenter did not know at this time. Will Lowenthal asked to clarify impact. Presenter

noted that there will be fill added to stabilize size and provide ample area for parking lot. Once filled the concrete wall will be roughly 7' tall. Chair noted that the commission is being consulted prior to the wetland permit being applied for. The impact allows the applicant to apply for a minimum impact permit and the applicant is hoping to have us sign off on the permit prior to going to DES. Eileen Chabot noted that the board supports native plantings, on this plan questions remain on Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn, Honey Locust, Slender Silhouette Sweetgum, and Shenandoah Switchgrass. A landscape architect was consulted on this plan whom tries to specify natives. No invasives were noted in the plant schedule. Jake Tennis asked if board would entertain signing the plan based on conditional discussion tonight. The chair signing the plan would make the permit an Expedited Minimum Impact. After discussion the applicant will be back seeking signature on the Wetland Permit on 4/17. Chair also added that he would like to see signs posted stating Environmentally Sensitive Area around the wetland. Dave Fenstermacher mentioned he has seen some best practices of this in the past. Bob Spoerl asked if snow storage would be labeled on the plan. Presenter noted it will be on final plan set along with other TRC changes.

Applicant will be back on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Other Conservation Activities

*4.3.23 Meeting*– Meeting will not be televised. It will be an informal discussion to learn and have a Q+A with TRC and Public Works. George Sioris and Mike Fowler will support discussions. Bring suggestions and questions ahead of the meeting.

*Community Garden*– Reservations open on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Email [broadviewgardening@gmail.com](mailto:broadviewgardening@gmail.com) or Garden Page on Derry Website to sign up for a plot.

Adjournment: Rick Buzzanga motions to close the meeting. Eileen Chabot seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Meeting Adjourns 7:36pm

Recorder: James Degnan