



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting March 6th, 2023

On March 6th, 2023, the Derry Conservation Commission met at the Derry Municipal Center, 3rd floor meeting room at 7:00 pm. The following members were present in person: James Degnan (Chair), Bob Boonstra, Grace Reisdorf, Eileen Chabot, Bob Spoerl, and Jeannie Cunningham. Following members were absent Rick Buzzanga, Will Lowenthal, Margaret Ives. Jeannie Cunningham sat for Rick Buzzanga. Council Liaison Neil Wetherbee was absent.

Chair started the meeting thanking Neil Wetherbee for his years of service to the town of Derry. Neil has been our council liaison as well as a past member and chair of the conservation commission. The commission will await the appointment of a new town council liaison. Thanks again Neil Wetherbee!

Chair thanks Eileen Chabot and Rick Buzzanga for re-applying and continuing as commissioners.

Approval of Minutes:

Eileen Chabot motions to approve the minutes from 2.6.23 with amendment of date from 2022 to 2023 in all applicable locations in body and footer. Grace Reisdorf Seconds. seconds. All in Favor. Motion carries.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

Selt: Everlasting Newsletter: Shared with board.

DES notice: 18 Germantown Rd, Tax map 19 Lot 89, Shoreland permit approved with conditions.

DES notice: Utility Statutory Permit by notification. Eversource line replacement. GZA environmental consultant.

Minor Impact Permit: Received for Chases Grove Rd. Sand and Beach Replenishment.

LCHIP: Photocopied check of what was received and sent to finance.

Conservation Bylaws:

Commissioners were asked to review existing bylaws dated 2.20.17 and provide feedback for potential updates. Chair notes that any ratifications would need to be run by council.

Commentary from Commissioners for follow up and review:

Degnan: Need to meet at least once a month per bylaws.

Reisdorf: Confirm Charter Date we show on document is valid. 11/6/1984, Review membership requirements on other boards. Chair noted that we have a potential spot on EEAC.

Boonstra: Section 5 recording secretary requirement; chair working on.

Chabot: Under Article 4 add an official date of meeting in which we elect officers. Article 6 paragraph B add specific state RSA for appointing Conservation Commissions.

Reisdorf: Article 8 do we need to specify whom voted in the opposition. Discussion was that roll call vote would be unnecessary and we will continue current practice of YES and ABSTAIN.

Other Conservation Activities

Q1 Projects– Intro meeting for Website work complete. Communication to Rathburn for support unanswered. TRC meeting coming in April.

Low Property– Reported ATV abuse. Chair to walk with reporting party when they return to NH from vacation. Signs available to post.

House Bill #2 HB-655-FN: Repeal of RSA 310-A. Bill would remove ability for wetland scientists and soil scientists to be licensed and approved within NH and push for federal licensing. If this were to go through the federal group is not an official licensing board nor detailed to each regions needs including NH. Letter from DCC to be sent stating we do not support the passing of HB-655-FN. DES Likely opposes and NHACC officially opposes this action.

Chair notes need to go into Non Public Session; entering Non Public officially ends the meeting.

Adjournment: Bob Boonstra motions to enter Non Public Session per RSA 91A:3-11d Grace Reisdorf seconds. Roll Call vote. All vote yes. Non Public session starts.

Meeting Adjourns 7:26pm

Recorder: James Degnan