



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

### **Minutes of Public Meeting March 12, 2018**

On March 12, 2018 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: Paul Dionne, Chair, Ric Buzzanga, James Degnan and Margaret Ives, Alternates, Marc Vagos and Peg Kinsella. The following members were absent: Eileen Chabot, Marius Zainea, Alternates, William Lowenthal, and William Ventura. Town Council Liaison, Neil Wetherbee was present. Peg Kinsella sat for Marius Zainea and Marc Vagos sat for Eileen Chabot.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

***Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2018. Peg Kinsella seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

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

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance will be holding an *Old House and Barn Expo* on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Radisson, 700 Elm St. in Manchester.

Correspondence has been received from Debra Goard, Stewardship Director, from the South East Land Trust. SELT will be monitoring the Caras property off Faith Drive, The Caras property off Willow Street, Corneliusen Woods, Shepard and Sawyer Parks Conservation Easements sometime this spring. DCC will be notified of the date. DCC members are welcome to join in on the walk.

### **DES:**

*5 Taylor Brook Lane-* DCC has reviewed this site in the past. The project is to remove a 4 x 30 foot dock and replace it with a 6x36 foot dock with a 6x10 foot extension. The permit has been approved.

*29-33 Ashleigh Dr. Project – Tax Map/Lot 08/280-6 -* DCC has done a site walk at this location. DES is requesting more information from the applicant. Further wetland delineation is needed.

### Site Review:

42 Tsienneto Road, Tax ID Numbers, 8/39, 8/39-4, 8/39-5, Eric Mitchell & Associates. There was no one present this evening from Eric Mitchell Associates. DCC was presented the plan at the previous meeting and has done a site walk of the property. During the site walk, DCC had a concern at the back of the property where the utilities come in to the property. There is a low area and the need for a culvert to aid the flow of water. There could possibly be a pipe in the ground now that hasn't been serviced and is probably under sized. DCC wants to make sure the proper culvert is installed. There was also a concern of possibly minimizing the impact to this area when operating heavy equipment. DCC had a concern for the two homes adjacent to the rear of the property and the tree line. A cluster of trees is projected to be removed right up to the homes. Chair will contact Eric Mitchell to set up a return visit to the commission at the next meeting to discuss these concerns.

### Site Review:

Town of Derry, 138 Island Pond Road, Tax ID Number 6/25-2, Eric Mitchell & Associates. This is a project by the Town of Derry. The project is to subdivide a town owned 75 acre parcel. Three of the lots will be house lots. The rest of the property will be Conservation land. Plans have been presented to the commission at the previous meeting. A site walk has been done. The *current* plan is to divide three house lots off the property and retain the rest of the parcel as conservation land. DCC has done site walks and plan reviews of the area in the past. DCC has done another site walk of the area recently. DCC does support the location of the house lots as designated on the plan that was presented.

***Margaret Ives made a motion to support the current plan. DCC does support the location of the house lots on the plan as presented. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

~~No signature by the Chair is required since this is a town project.~~

### Update on Conservation Activities:

*Broadview Community Garden* - There are five gardeners that have signed up for plots so far. Anyone from the public interested in obtaining a plot may contact Margaret Ives by calling her at (603) 436-6539 or by emailing her at mives@grolen.com. Gardeners are asked to submit their phone numbers when applying. There was some discussion on possibly setting up an online application process on the Derry website for gardeners to apply for a plot in the future.

More Conservation area maps are needed for the kiosks at the library and the Derry Municipal Center.

Town Council Liaison, Neil Wetherbee made a suggestion to DCC about looking into installing signs on main thoroughfares leading up to the town's Conservation areas and at the site itself, as another way of informing the public of their existence and where they are located. This idea has been discussed at one of the Town Council meetings. A simple sign, such as a picture of a hiker could be used. This was also discussed with Public Works Director, Mike Fowler. He says the cost of the signs would be minimal.

A reminder was given that *World Water Day* is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. A time to think about how much water we all use and how it could be saved.

**Other Business:**

It has been observed by DCC as to how local businesses and housing complexes are plowing and storing the snow this winter. In some areas, the snow has been pushed into the wetlands or on a downward slope into the wetlands. In other areas, the snow has been plowed into and stored outside the curbed area instead of inside the curb. The snow piles contain trash, debris and road salt. All are not good for the environment. DCC has spent time and effort approving plans and doing site walks to make sure good snow storage and removal practices are put into place. Some of these properties could be in violation and others may not have had protocols put in place when they were approved. There was discussion on possibly having a rider or having an additional note added to every plan presented, like the (*Invasive Species*) note that is now required to be in place on all plans approved by DCC. This note could be added to all future plans approved going forward. Informing property management companies of this issue with some type of documentation was discussed also. Investigation of state and town regulations and a possible workshop on this topic may be forthcoming.

**Adjournment:**

***Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn. James Degnan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.***

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson