

Derry Conservation Commission 14 Manning St Derry, NH 03038

### Minutes of Public Meeting April 11, 2016

On April 11, 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, Paul Dionne, Margaret Ives, Chair, and Alternates, Peg Kinsella, Neil Wetherbee. James Degnan and Marius Zainea were absent. Peg Kinsella sat for Marius Zainea.

### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

Neil Wetherbee made a motion to accept the minutes of March 28, 2016 with corrections. Paul Dionne seconded the motion. Peg Kinsella abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Paul Dionne made a motion to nominate Neil Wetherbee as Chair. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Neil Wetherbee made a motion to nominate Paul Dionne as Vice Chair. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to nominate Margaret Ives as Secretary and Eileen Chabot as Treasurer. Neil Wetherbee seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Margaret Ives, Neil Wetherbee and James Degnan all had terms that expired this year and they have all resigned renewed on to the commission as members. Brian DeSimone, a newly appointed DCC Alternate member, was absent.

Margie Ives stated that it has been an honor for her to serve as Chair of the Conservation Commission and is now seated as a regular member. Neil Wetherbee is now seated as Chair.

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

Margie Ives made an announcement that DCC member, Alan Camuso has missed 11 meetings. He has been sent a certified letter. Margaret Ives phoned Alan Camuso and he gave her a verbal resignation.

His resignation will be put into a written document and sent to Sheila Bodenrader and the Interim Town Administrator, Stephen Daly.

Derryfest will be held September 9, 2016 at MacGregor Park from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Derryfest committee has asked DCC to have all communications sent to them via email and to pay the registration fee for Derryfest via PayPal. There was discussion on Go Green possibly wanting to register for (2) booths this year. DCC gave thanks to the Derryfest volunteers for all they do.

The current brochure for the Derry Conservation Commission needs to be updated. It was passed around for members' viewing.

There will be a weeklong Earth Day Celebration beginning April 23, 2016.

### **Dredge & Fill:**

81 Chester Rd — Beaver Lake - The impact is 5,489 sq. ft. The proposal is to create a usable surface around a swimming pool and to address a roof run-off issue. No trees or saplings will be allowed to be taken down along the waterfront buffer. No more than 29.3 % of the lot within the protected shoreland, shall be covered with impervious service. DCC will do a site walk.

33 Old Chester Rd — a Forestry Notification. This is an acknowledgement that DES has received the wetlands, minimum impact, application. There will be no work done in a municipally designated prime wetland, buffer, bog, marsh or tidal buffer zone. The timber cut will be for forestry management only. The best erosion practices will be followed and any stream crossings and wetlands will be avoided. The expiration date for this authorization is March 30, 2018.

The Rockingham County Conservation District will hold an Anniversary Celebration dinner at its Annual Meeting in Brentwood, at the Community Center on April 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Kimberly McKracken a State, Soil Scientist serving NH & ME, will speak on the challenges that NH farmers face. The cost is \$20.00 until April 20<sup>th</sup> and \$25.00 thereafter.

Correspondence has been received from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Drinking Water and Ground Water Bureau explaining protected projects.

The Massabesic Audubon Society will be presenting "Avian Adventures" on April 28th at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Naturalist, Kelly Dwyer will be speaking on resident birds of spring in the area. On April 30th there will be a field exploration day from 8:30 am to 10:30 am.

A reminder was given for the informational meeting that will be held at the Derry Municipal Center on April 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm, on the small aquatic application to the Milfoil at the meadows portion of Beaver Lake. Up to this point, diving methods were used to control the Milfoil in other areas of the lake. This area is too shallow for the diving method. A Biologist from the DES and a Permit Application Reviewer from the NH Dept. of Agriculture, Pesticide Control Division, will be present to answer questions. The target date for the herbicide application is early June. The contact people are Pete Beisler and Mike Lennon and they can be reached at (505)-855-0101

# **Update on Conservation Activities:**

Broadview Farm Gardens – Peg Kinsella has been working at the gardens and organizing the gardeners for quite some time now and she would like to hand the project to anyone who is interested. Last year there were 40 gardeners and 53 plots. So far this year there are 39 plot requests and 26 gardeners. People may still contact Peg Kinsella at 432-5604 if they are interested in a plot this season. Phil Ferdinando will till the area around the third week in May.

The tasks involved in managing the gardens are:

- Contacting the gardeners via phone or email to reserve a garden plot.
- Measuring the area and staking the plots. Attaching string to the garden stakes to designate the plotted areas and numbering the plots.
- Contacting Mike Fowler, Director of Public Works, when the walkways need mowing.
- Directing the gardeners in the composting process amongst the three existing compost bins.
- Something new this year, is that Peg would like to take down the Sumac and Poison Ivy that grows along the back.

# Go Green:

The Next Go Green Meeting is April 14, 2016 at 7:00pm. A reminder was given for the Go Green cleanup week beginning April 16, 2016. Meet at the Coffee Factory for a free cup of coffee and a list of the street selections.

Go Green has been invited to Pinkerton Academy on April 22, 2016. Fifty students will be doing a cleanup walk from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

### **Other Business:**

Boy Scout Troop #402 will be camping at Broadview this weekend. Margie Ives will continue to be the contact person for the scouts.

Ric Buzzanga announced a thank you to Margaret Ives for her 7 years of service and for her duties of being Chair of the Derry Conservation Commission. Much appreciated.

Neil Wetherbee expressed appreciation to the commission for giving him the opportunity to serve as Commission Chair.

**Adjournment:** Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson