



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting April 8, 2019

On April 8, 2019 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, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf, Robert Spoerl and Alternate, Paul Dionne. Alternates, David Hernandez, William Ventura and Justin Mitchell were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Margaret Ives and James Degnan have re-signed to the Conservation Commission for another 3 year term.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2019. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. Grace Reisdorf and William Lowenthal abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

The RCCD will hold a Pot Luck dinner with Tracy Degnan on April 16, 2019, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Brentwood Community Center, 190 Route 125 Brentwood, NH. The workshop is free of charge. Any Interested members can register by sending an email to Barbara@nhacc.org.

Site Plan Review:

62.5 Bedard Ave- Tax Map 02 Lot 081- High Gate Estates – Brandon Wing from Promised Land Survey presented. This is a 7.2 acre parcel that will be subdivided into 5 lots. The property was formerly owned by Pennichuk Water Co. This is a re-visit this evening. DCC has previously viewed the plan and has done a site walk of the property. The plan has been presented to the Technical Review Committee. The TRC had no major issues with the plan. The area was logged last year and by opening up the area and equipment use in the area, a little bit of pooling has been created.

DCC is concerned about the front wetland area to the left at the current entrance and how it would drain across the road and down the hill once this area is curbed. *On sheet #4 of 6 on the plan at 3 plus 00 road stationing, there is a drainage structure in the road with a culvert feeding into it from the north. Brandon assumed that this is where the drainage would be for that area. This is just an assumption.*

DCC questioned lot #1 In the area where the driveway will be cut in, what will there be for drainage? *Brandon assumed there would be a corrugated plastic pipe.*

DCC questioned the corduroy road in the south westerly portion of the property that was created for the skidder to have access. Would this be removed so that the wetland can drain properly? The removal will be listed as a condition in the motion.

Margaret Ives made a motion for the Chair to sign the plan with the two conditions.

- 1. The corduroy road is to be removed.***
- 2. To show clear details on the plan of the proposed driveway and culvert in lot # 1.***

Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. Grace Reisdorf and William Lowenthal abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Plan Review:

81 Frost Rd - Tax Map 01 Lot 028 - McMaster Development – Brandon Wing from Promised Land Survey presented. Developer, Steve Master was present. This is a sub-division of a 6 acre parcel. There is a Prime Wetland in the rear. This is a re-visit this evening. DCC has done a site walk of the area.

DCC- had concerns on the clearance around the driveway as well as the distance from the Prime Wetland line.

DCC - The dash line on the plan sheet #2 of 5. Does this line hold true as the edge of the prime Wetland? The distance from the corner of a structure to a Prime Wetland is 150 feet. An old Prime Wetland mapping field note on file with the town had been obtained but it was difficult to distinguish the dash line on the map and the line displayed on the topo as to where the Prime Wetland starts and whether or not the line changed through the years.

DCC - After review, the line does hold true. The structure would be within the 150' set back. *Soil scientist, Tom Sogolowski delineated the wetland.*

Where would the septic be located? *The septic system would be in the front of the building. The system is not displayed on the plan presented this evening. It still needs to be designed. The septic may be installed 10 ft. from the right of way and 75 ft. from a well.*

DCC questioned the amount of trees to be cut and the soils in the area. *Steve McMaster stated that a minimal amount of trees would be taken down, only what was necessary. This is mud season. Steve assured that there would be no erosion and that any disturbance would be cleaned up afterwards. The current proposed tree line is more than 75 ft. from the Prime Wetland.*

Ric Buzzanga made a motion for the Chair to sign the plan with the following conditions:

- 1. The proper erosion control measures are placed at or about where the proposed tree line is shown on the plan on sheet # 4 of 5.***
- 2. The septic tank is located as far as possible from the Prime Wetland.***
- 3. The property outside the proposed tree line shown on sheet #4 of 5 is disturbed at a minimum from its present vegetative state.***

Robert Spoerl seconded the motion. William Lowenthal abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Broadview Gardens – All thirty of the plots and the two raised beds have been reserved at this time. There are 4 or 5 people on a waiting list. William Lowenthal cleaned up the leftover fencing from last year. Chair gave thanks to Will for his work at Broadview. William Lowenthal was thanked by the commission for his all his work at the Broadview Gardens. William has also started a Facebook page on Broadview.

Goals and Projects:

Broadview -A suggestion was made to have a work day at Broadview for clearing brush away all around the edge of the gardens. More sunshine needs to be let in. There was discussion on documenting the rules and regulations for reserving the fire pit and the conditions of use, camping and reserving the property for an event. Making sure people know who to contact for reservations and creating a spreadsheet of the scheduled users. Policies and procedures as well as contacts names and phone numbers need to be updated, documented and put out to the public via the Derry website.

Land Steward Update – There has been discussion on creating a Land Steward guide. Chair, James Degnan created a draft for a guide. This draft was given to DCC members for their review and input. Some member input on the draft focused on liability and debris removal. What if a land steward was to get injured? Would the Department of Public Works assist with the removal of any large objects? This will be followed up on.

The town wide clean up days should be listed on the “Nature Groupies” website. It’s another way of getting the word out.

The probability of the Student Conservation Association getting involved in the clearing of the Shepard trail is in the works. DCC would like to have someone from the Student Association group attend one of the DCC meetings. This will be looked into.

Another projected goal is for creating clearer and more precise signage for the Conservation properties. Coming up with cost effective measures for making all the signs smaller, having the signs at all the properties of the same design and to have them made in such a way that they are much easier to replace when needed. A suggestion was made to contact the NH State Penitentiary for info on getting the signs designed and made there.

The town wide clean-up week is scheduled for April 13th through the 20th. Blue bags can be picked up at the transfer station. Citizens were asked to inform the transfer station of the area that they will be cleaning up so that the bags can be picked up. Blue bags can also be obtained by emailing James Degnan at nhdegnans@gmail.com

Other Business:

The previous meeting on updating the Derry Master Plan workshop was well attended. There were a lot of people interested in the Conservation properties. Some citizens gave input as to what they would like to be able to do at the properties. There will be another work shop in the fall.

The Household Hazardous Waste Day is May 11th at the west Running Brook School. A list of items that can and cannot be disposed of is on the Derry website and at the kiosk at the Derry Municipal Center.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Margie Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson