



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

**Minutes of Public Meeting May 9th, 2022**

On May 9th, 2022, 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, Rick Buzzanga, Grace Reisdorf, Bob Boonstra, Bob Spoerl, Bob Boonstra, Eileen Chabot, and Jeanie Cunningham. Council Liaison Wetherbee was in attendance. Following members were absent; Margie Ives.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Rick Buzzanga motions to approve the minutes of 4/11/2022. Bob Spoerl seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Rick Buzzanga motions to approve the minutes of 4/25/2022 with amendments of invoice to include in vote to include Councilor Wetherbee in Non-Public; and edit to SWPPP . Grace Reisdorf seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

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

DES Notice: Tax map 25 Lot 2 Sunset Ave Culvert Replacement. Standard dredge and fill application has been received. Additional information is being sought in terms of wildlife crossing.

DES Notice: 25 Escumbuit Rd Tax map 15 Lot 30 Shoreland Permit application has been received. Additional information available via One Stop.

DES Notice: 48 Beaver Lake Ave Tax map 136 Lot 5171 Sunset Ave Culvert Replacement. Shoreland Permit by Notification and fill application has been rejected.

**Project Review:**

*356 Island Pond Rd St Tax Map 17 Lot 5 presented by Benchmark Engineering*

Nick Loring presenting from Benchmark Engineering; representing Melissa Giuffrida from Golden Acres Land Trust. Site is located in the LDR Zone and is 5.8 acres in size. Onsite there is an existing home in disrepair. Applicant is showing plans to subdivide the lot and create a new 2.8 acre lot to the left of the existing home. There was a variance in May of 2021 that approved the subdivision without 200' of frontage directly on Island Pond Rd. The 200' of frontage approved by the ZBA puts the house past the wetland. The applicant is currently in process of submitting a dredge and fill application with DES. The impact is for 1350sqft. Proposed crossing is at the smallest spot. Design

calls for 24" culvert. There is 3400sqft of buffer impact adjacent to the wetland supporting the driveway design. Chair has asked if applicant has spoken with DPW or TRC about the design. At this point they have not had any conversations internally. Chair noted that culvert size at 24" is adequate. Chair noted that town recently has requested precast headwalls. Eileen Chabot asked about utilizing open bottom culverts. Current design is not utilizing open bottom culvert. Rick Buzzanga asked why the culvert needed to be 27' long. Based on Fire Department requirements for clearances. Rick Buzzanga motioned that we send a note to TRC and discuss standardizing a preferred open box culvert design. Motion was not seconded. Applicant advised that this design currently meets the requirements for a 50yr storm and is a minor impact based on the stream size. Eileen Chabot shared that in her memory we have not seen a culvert of this length. Will Lowenthal asked if there is a firm requirement that the driveway be fully paved and can we have assurances that salt use will not impact the wetland. Nick Loring advised that permeable solutions like gravel offer a minimal improvement over non permeable surface. Nick Loring advised that if preferred we can discuss areas of limited use in terms of salt application. Rick Buzzanga asked if there is a swale to receive the driveway run off. Nick Loring advised that the flow from the asphalt hits a 2 to 1 side slopes that are vegetative instead of rip rap. There will be rip rap at the outlet of the culvert. Eileen Chabot asked about the placement of the house beyond past the wetland instead of positioning in front. Nick Loring advised at the prior ZBA meeting it was a condition of approval to place the house there after concerns presented by abutters. Rick Buzzanga stated that he is uncomfortable with a culvert that long. Chair suggested the board will review with DPW and Engineering regarding current design requirements including Pre-Cast Headwalls and culvert design. Chair noted that we should leave the conversation fluid at this time. Eileen Chabot asked that after the conversation with the town has taken place, we bring the discussion back to the Conservation board for future recommendations. Chair agreed we will bring it back to the forefront.

The board then discussed having applicant going to TRC prior to coming back to Conservation. Chair noted the applicant can submit for Expedited/Minimum Impact without our signature. Applicant is hoping to get the DES application as soon as possible. Applicant is planning to go to TRC for the complete subdivision with our comments already considered. After discussion Eileen Chabot asked if we are being asked to sign the permit. The applicant confirmed that is what he is seeking. By having our feedback and a signature on the plan from Conservation the permit time is 30 days vs 50 days. Councilor Wetherbee advised applicant to still utilize TRC at the initial phase of future projects.

Site Walk set for 5/12 at 4:30

#### **Project Review:**

##### *Tax Map 5 Lots 39 74 Rockingham Rd; Promised Land Survey*

Chair advised the public that site was walked by the commission. Tim Peloquin could not return tonight due to other commitments. Chair advised there is an upcoming joint meeting of the ZBA, Planning, and Conservation. Eileen Chabot has compiled a list of 17 items that Promised Land will be asked to review. A copy of the list will be shared in the packet for the joint meeting. Chair noted it is a "tough parcel". It has been logged before and has had infestation of invasives. Chair stated that we will continue to work on this project with the applicant. Will Lowenthal stated that he would like clarity as to what can be built in the wetland buffer zone; noting there are locations in which parking areas enter the buffer. Eileen Chabot added that the plan needs additional clarity on drainage. Rick Buzzanga added that he appreciates the plans design around the prime and noted the crossing locations are of minimal impact. Eileen Chabot stated there should be careful consideration in the

West Running Brook district as the brook its self is running clean and is in great shape. Project will return to the commission at a later meeting.

#### **Other Conservation Activities**

*Timber Cutting* – Chair has received multiple comments regarding recent cuts in town. Chair advised public that there is a difference between residential tree work and a timber harvest. Major timber removal requires a state permit and must be posted.

*Prime Wetland Mapping*- Eileen Chabot asked about reviewing prime wetland and updating our prime wetland mapping. Chair noted we should consider collaborating with UNH Cooperative Extension.

*Community Garden*- Initial meeting of gardeners has taken place. Garden tilling is to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Will Lowenthal applied for a grant and was awarded a \$250 from the UNH Master Gardeners association to go towards the tilling. There is a work day on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> to stake the garden; all help is appreciated.

**Adjournment:** Rick Buzzanga motions to adjourn. Grace Reisdorf seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourns 8:04pm

Recorder: James Degnan

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