

DCC Minutes of May 15th, 2023



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting May 15th, 2023

On May 15th, 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), Will Lowenthal, Bob Boonstra, Rick Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, Bob Spoerl, Grace Reisdorf, and Jeannie Cunningham. Following members were absent; Margaret Ives. Council Liaison Erin Spencer was absent.

Approval of Minutes:

April 14th Minutes Approval pushed to next meeting.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

Great Bay Matters: Newsletter

DES notice: Chases Grove Rd, Tax map 4 Lot 91. Permit Incomplete; additional info needed.

DES notice: Eversource, Utility SPBN found Complete. Permit Granted.

Other Conservation Activities

Troop 405/402 Broadview Garden Use – Troop 402 seeking to Broadview May 18th from 6pm to 9pm. Activities include fire making, cooking over fire, shelter building (no new cutting onsite) etc.

Rick Buzzanga Motions to approve the use. Bob Boonstra Seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Troop 402 seeking to use Broadview on June 3rd from 9-1. They plan to use this day to promote cubscouts to the public. They plan to bring a small event trailer with shooting games within. Trailer would be in Broadview parking lot.

Will Lowenthal asked how public use may be hindered during this event. Chair noted that this is a permitted use; education. Chair noted there is accessible parking on Young rd. if the lot becomes full. Eileen Chabot asked if gardeners would still be able to get to their plots. On road parking was mentioned again. Will Lowenthal asked about trailer length, details were unknown.

Rick Buzzanga motions to approve the use with a note to the scout leaders to park accordingly for public to still access parcel. Grace Reisdorf seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Spring strolls with Derry Police– Chair gave a history of our participation. Projected date of June 7th; at Cole Marsh (if dry enough). Will Lowenthal mentioned parking at Cole Marsh or Low. Derry PD has stated there will be no issue at either location as they will have multiple cars present and can leverage flashing lights as needed.

Derry Fest– Sept 16th from 10-4pm. Early Bird discount available to book. DCC Committing to partner again with Net Zero Task Force.

Cole Marsh– Chair shared some recent sights and sounds of Cole Marsh. Fox was seen; bird activity is high. There is a lot of flooding as you try and round the marsh. The foot bridge adjacent to Kristen drive neighborhood is very close to being underwater. Chair noted we may need to consult with state on supporting opening up the dam a bit to relieve the high water.

Solar Array – Presentation forwarded to commissioners from the group supporting the Solar Array installation at the former town transfer station. Commissioners reviewed and brought questions. Eileen Chabot asked about the line crossing over Beaver Brook. Will Lowenthal agreed when they lay the lines over there may be an impact. On the plan it shows two new utility poles installed: but no listed impact. Eileen Chabot also asked about preliminary run off increase. Chair noted that the plan stated there will be a temporary landing and construction area. After construction the site would be returned to original state. During its use was when there would be an increase. Eileen Chabot also noted there is a line about tree cutting, but no total or description of work. Eileen Chabot noted there are purple markings on the plan showing potential vernal pools, no note on impact or potential changes. Project Deadline is June 1., permitting submission before our next meeting. Eileen Chabot also asked about getting a copy of the Natural Resources report.

Notes to be sent to Mike Fowler.

Broadview Garden– Garden has been tilled and staked. Thanks to all volunteers! UNH will be holding a bird watching class on May 23rd hosted by Matt Tarr.

Rick Buzzanga motions to reimburse Will Lowenthal 25.99 for garden stakes. Eileen Chabot seconds. Will Lowenthal abstains. All others in favor. Motion Carries.

Adjournment: Prior to adjournment Will Lowenthal leaves the meeting,
Rick Buzzanga motions to enter non public session effectively ending the meeting. Grace Reisdorf Seconds. Roll Call vote.
Boonstra-Yes, Reisdorf-Yes, Spoerl-Yes, Buzzanga-Yes, Chabot-Yes, Cunningham-Yes, Chair Yes

Meeting Adjourns 7:26pm

Recorder: James Degnan