



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting June 10, 2019

On June 10, 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: Ric Buzzanga, Vice Chair, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf, Robert Spoerl and Alternate, Justin Mitchell. Chair, James Degnan, Eileen Chabot, Margaret Ives and Alternate, Paul Dionne were absent. Town Council Liaison, Neil Wetherbee was present. Justin Mitchell sat for James Degnan. Vice Chair, Ric Buzzanga chaired the meeting this evening.

Approval of Minutes:

William Lowenthal made a motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2019 as presented. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. Robert Spoerl made a friendly amendment to change the language on page #1 under the Site Review heading, changing the word made to the word completed. William Lowenthal accepted the friendly amendment to his motion. Grace Reisdorf accepted the friendly amendment on her second. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

None.

Site Review:

13 Hemlock Spring Rd –Tax Map 14/ Lot 11, Keach, Nordstrom Associates, Paul Chisolm presented. This is a two lot subdivision. This is a re-visit to the Conservation Commission this evening. A site walk has been done. Soil Scientist, Josh Bryant attended the site walk. A lot line adjustment has been done. DCC asked if anything had changed since the last time the site plan was presented to the commission. Paul explained that the lot line adjustment remained the same on the previous plan except for clerical items. The lot development plan has been revised per comments of the Derry Fire Department and Derry Public Works Department. More details have been added to the swale along Hemlock Spring Road, where the new lot will be created. Mark L'heureux of Public works requested a regrade to the swale. He also requested having an easement in the top northwest corner of the property to act as a roadway maintenance easement. During the site walk, DCC did not see any wetland impact. The invasive Species note is not on the plan at this time.

William Lowenthal made a motion for the Chair or Vice Chair to sign the sub-division plan for 13 Hemlock spring Rd, Tax Map 14/ Lot 11 with the condition that the language of the Invasive Species note be added to the notes on the plan. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Review:

Mill Rd. and Alyssa Dr. – Promised Land Survey, Tim Peloquin presented. This is a 6 lot subdivision plan. (4 lots on Mill Rd. and 2 lots on Alyssa Dr.) This is a re-visit to the commission this evening. DCC has done a site walk. There have been no changes to the plan since the last presentation of the plan or site walk. There are two wetland impact driveway crossings, which have very minimum impact. DCC had suggested a squash pipe be installed. Mark L’Heureux of Public Works, would rather see a 24 inch pipe installed instead of the squash pipe. DCC would like the debris in the area cleaned up. Utilities will be underground for each of the lots. If an extension pole is needed, it will be installed across the street at or near the property in the corner, then proceed to go across the street and then underground. There will be a no-cut, 50 foot wooded buffer on the two lots at the end of Alyssa Dr. The property owners will be liable to not cut or build anything in this buffered area. There will be an easement drawn up with descriptive language on the management of the buffered zone, stating the liability of the property owners. DCC is only considering the subdivision this evening and the wetland impact of the driveway crossings, not the placement of the homes etc.

Grace Reisdorf made a motion for the Chair or Vice Chair to sign the plan with the condition of the removal of all non-forested debris from the property as a condition of the development. William Lowenthal seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Site Review:

78 Rockingham Road – Tax map 5 /Lot 39-1, Promised Land Survey, Tim Peloquin presented. This is a three lot commercial subdivision. The plan was previously presented to DCC. A site walk has been done. This is one commercial lot being divided into three lots. There is no wetland impact. DCC would like to see the Invasive Species note on the plan.

Grace Reisdorf made a motion approve the 3 lot subdivision and for the Chair or Vice Chair to sign the plan with the addition of the Invasive Species note added to the plan. Robert Spoerl seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Culvert Replacement on North shore Rd. over Taylor Brook – Hoyle Tanner Associates, Kimberly Peace presented. This is a Town of Derry project. The project is to replace two deteriorating culverts under North Shore Rd. The culverts convey Taylor Brook upstream of Island Pond. In place now are (2) side by side corrugated metal pipes in need of replacement. The proposal is to install (2) side by side 15 foot, box culverts. The opening size will be increased from 7 to 30 feet. There will be a slight increase to the road grade. There will be a 30 foot clear span with buried bottom culverts, 27 feet long. The temporary wetland impact is 1,500 sq. ft. which would be caused from pulling the old culverts out and for construction access. This impact area will all be restored. Rip rap stone will be placed as an apron in front of the box culverts for stabilization. DCC questioned the increased size of the opening area, the

amount of water that would be coming under the road and what would happen to the upstream wetlands. Kimberly Peace stated that the 100 year flood level will drop about a foot once opened. There will be no back channeling like there is now. There will be an area for wildlife traffic. Any decrease in the upstream wetlands would be minor and would happen only during flood situations. The project will begin in June of 2020 and is expected to be finished by mid-August 2020. During that time, there will be a three mile road closure. DCC felt that this plan was well presented and the wetland impact is minimal. The plan would be a fabulous improvement to the area. DCC members agreed that no site walk was necessary. They would like the Invasive Species note added to the plan.

William Lowenthal made a motion to approve the proposed culvert replacement plan on North Shore Road Bridge over Taylor Brook and for the Chair or Vice Chair to sign the plan with the inclusion of the standard Invasive Species note be added to the plan. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion.

There was discussion on the motion.

If between now and June of 2020, if a DCC Commissioner or Liaison visits the site and sees anything out of the ordinary at the site that the DCC Chair should be notified and Hoyle Tanner will be contacted.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Broadview Gardens – The gardens were tilled in May. They were staked on May 28th. There are 6 plots not attended to. There is one plot that is not yet planted. William Lowenthal has tried to contact that gardener, but has had no response. There are 5 other plots not tended to. Will has contacted these gardeners and has been told they still are interested in planting. There was discussion tonight as to how long to give these peoples to get into action. There are 11 people on the waiting list that could make use of the plots. The commission decided to give the absent gardeners until June 15th. If no action has been taken by that date, then people on the waiting list will be contacted to make use of the plots.

Thanks were given to Margaret Ives, Peg Kinsella, Liaison, Neil Wetherbee and Diana Lowenthal for their assistance in staking the plots.

The Derry garden Club has made an informal request to the commission. They would like to revamp the area at Broadview around the silo with low maintenance, perennial Daylily plantings.

William Lowenthal made a motion for DCC to approve the donation of plants and the labor to recondition the perennial gardens at Broadview Farm. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Thanks were given to the Derry Garden Club.

Other Business:

Eileen Chabot was seated at 7:50 pm.

The Eagle Scout Bridge Project at the Doolittle property is just about completed.

There are no plans to hold an Invasive Species workshop this year as of this time. Lenny Lord, who conducts the workshop, has left his position at the Rockingham County Conservation Associations. It will be looked into as to who will be taking Lenny's place and the possibility of having a workshop this year with the new person.

There was discussion on coming up with a way for commissioners to report their attendance or absence at the DCC meetings beforehand, especially in the summertime, without violating 91-A. (emails, chat groups, texting etc.). The commission has a lot more going on these days with building, lot sub-divisions, etc. They do not want to hold things up for other committees and clients, etc. There was a decision made to bring a calendar into the next meeting to document absences. DCC will continue to explore options.

Non- Public

Non-public meeting per RSA 91-A:3-II(d) "Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community."

The Non-Public was postponed this evening.

Adjournment:

William Lowenthal made a motion to adjourn. Robert Spoerl seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Ruth Robinson/ Recording Clerk