



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting May 14, 2018

On June 11, 2018 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, Margaret Ives, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf and Alternate, Paul Dionne. Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, and Alternate, William Ventura were absent. Paul Dionne sat for Ric Buzzanga. Town Council Liaison, Neil Wetherbee was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Margaret Ives made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018. William Lowenthal seconded the motion. Paul Dionne abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

Paul Dionne has re-joined the Conservation Commission, taking on the position of Alternate. Member, Marius Zainea has resigned from the commission due to work conflict. Marius was thanked for his service to the commission.

A notice has been received from Lenny Lord of the Rockingham County Conservation Commission. The commission will be looking into *Invasives Species plant management on municipal properties*. The pilot project will be taking a look at stump dumps, stock piles, transfer stations and town sheds. The Derry Transfer Station has a substantial amount of Japanese Knotweed. Chair will reach out to Lenny Lord on DCC's interest in the project. The project is being funded through a grant program.

A bill has been received from UNH Cooperative Extension for soil testing done at Broadview Gardens. An approval was made for this expense at the previous DCC meeting, to spend up to \$100.00 on the soil testing. The cost came to \$89.25. A reimbursement of \$89.25 will be paid to William Lowenthal for the soil testing.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Broadview - A suggestion was made to put large rocks in place of the dilapidated fence. Arthur

Caras has a contact person who could supply the rocks. The rocks could also be placed in such a way that the smaller three foot walk through gate could be eliminated. The larger gate is still needed. This will be looked into.

All the garden plots are taken at this time. Thanks were given to Peg Kinsella for assistance and her past work with the gardens.

James Degnan will be meeting with the Eagle Scout who took on the bridge project at Broadview. The bridge project is 90% complete at this time and looks good. James will be signing off on the scout project as complete at their meeting. Thanks were given to the scout.

DCC will again host "What's Up in the Night Sky?" This program will take place at Broadview on August 9, 2018 from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. A formal presentation will be held the day before the event, at the Derry Public Library on August 8th, to cover which planets and stars are visible this time of year. *Paul Dionne made a motion to approve the use of Broadview to hold this event. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.*

Go Green:

The walk at Cole Marsh was this past Saturday. Six people attended the event. A thank you was given to Councilor Neil Wetherbee for being the docent for the event.

The next walk is scheduled for July 21st at the Doolittle property. Chair, James Degnan will be the docent for the event.

The Invasive Species workshop will be held August 18th at 9:00 am at Broadview. Lenny Lord will guide the event.

Other Business:

Neil Wetherbee submitted a receipt for the Broadview Garden stakes. *Paul Dionne made a motion to reimburse Neil Wetherbee \$88.75 for the purchase of (125) grade stakes for the Broadview Gardens. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.* The cost for the stakes at Derry feed was cheaper than the two years prior. Thanks were given to Derry Feed.

The Farmer's Market just had its opening day. It was phenomenal.

The Commission gave congratulations to the Pinkerton Academy, class of 2018.

Adjournment:

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Ruth Robinson
Derry Conservation Commission
Recording Clerk

