



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting June 25, 2018

On June 25, 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, Eileen Chabot, Grace Reisdorf, Margaret Ives and Alternate, Paul Dionne. Ric Buzzanga, William Lowenthal and Alternate, William Ventura were absent. Paul Dionne sat for Ric Buzzanga. Town Council Liaison, Neil Wetherbee was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Dionne made a motion to approve the minutes of June 11, 2018. Margaret Ives seconded the motion. Eileen Chabot abstained. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

A card has been received from the South East Land Trust celebrating some great monitoring easements on the Conservation areas here in Derry. The Anniversary dates of the easements are - The Doolittle property was on June 12th, Corneliusen will be ~~walked~~ on August 16th, the Shepard property ~~walk~~ will be on October 18th. Congrats were given to DCC by SELT for the upcoming 1st birthday *dates* for the Caras property in July and the 1st birthday on the Sawyer property in December. The Invasives Species at Shepard are of a concern to SELT. DCC has been working with Lenny Lord on attacking them and will continue to do so.

DES:

Taylor Brook Lane – Tax Map 18/ Lot 27 – This is an approval of a permit for an expansion on a property.

4 Laraway Ct. Tax Map 35/ Lot 008 – This is a notification of a localized inspection.

68 Tsienneto Rd. – 55/006 - Inspection of compliance.

54 Berry Rd. – Tax Map 2/Lot 77 – This notice pertains to Beaver activity in the area and materials potentially installed and/or removed.

These notifications were all passed around to the DCC members for full details.

Site Plan Review:

23 Crystal Ave. Lot 22-30 – The Dubay group. Karl Dubay presented this evening. The drainage study had been previously presented to DCC members. This is an update to the previous plan. An Alteration of Terrain permit is needed. This is a 5 ½ acre site. The commission has walked the site before viewing the previous plan presented. The property has been sold since then. The old plan called for retail space around the back and on the left side of the site. The old plan maxed out the space. The new project is less intensive. The existing building will be re-purposed consisting of a section that will be of light industrial (hair products) in the rear, a small walk in bank, an urgent care facility and a physical therapist in the front. The left side of the property will be a 10,000 sq. building for a spa and a section will be left for light commercial use. There will be a 2 to 1 vegetated slope to the wetland compared to a steep structured slope with the old plan. The owner is working with Moo's Ice Cream and St. Thomas Church on a parking lot extension plan, if they are interested in more parking. An answer from both parties is being awaited. The intersection of Lenox Rd. and Crystal Ave. will be improved with left lane turn pockets. The new project will consist of phase one and a pre-designed phase two for future development. An extensive drainage system will be put into place at the start of construction that will be big enough to cover both phases of the project, even though phase two won't be developed right away. This will save on over expanding the asphalt at this time. There are lots of invasives on the site. Karl Dubay questioned DCC for any possible assistance they could offer as to how to handle the invasives. DCC suggested contacting the University of NH Cooperative Extension for advice.

DCC had concerns on saving and protecting healthy trees during construction, the guardrail on the left side where the spa will be and whether or not the phase one and phase two portion break would be used for snow storage.

Karl: The Green Snow Pro plan would be in place. The guardrail would keep a plow from pushing snow over it. Snow will be pushed toward the back and excess would be hauled away.

DCC had concerns of the property being in the aquifer zone/ground water recharge district and proposed impervious area not meeting 33%. If the future expansion is not calculated, does it meet it?

Karl : It is at 23% now. It would be very close. Regulations do not allow wetlands to be credited as part of the calculation. With phase two included it would be at 40%. The drainage design is over designed by a factor of two. There is enough recharge.

DCC was concerned of approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of wetland impact and the loss of flood control the wetland offers. Is there anything being done as an offset to that?

Karl: The Wetlands Bureau and the Army Corp of Engineers have reviewed and supported the project. Most of the sight is re-development instead of industrial use as before. They implied that all specifications of the AOT permit must be followed.

DCC has walked this area many times in the past. After discussion, it was decided not to do another site walk. **Paul Dionne made as motion for Chair to sign the plan on 23 Crystal Ave, as presented. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

Update on Conservation Activities:

Maps – Chair will check on the status of the maps needed for displays.

BF Gardens -The gardens look good. All the plots are taken. The pump is working.

Webber Town Forest – Trail update. The section between Warner Hill Rd. and East Derry Rd. The area is stagnant at this time. There are no signs of wildlife at all. The Department of Resources and Economic Development cleaned out a culvert draining both of the ponds at the sides of the rail trail. A snowmobiler had reported concerns of water rising up and over the trail this past winter. Unfortunately, DRED has control over maintaining the culvert. DCC would not have done things in this manner, possibly doing a slow draw down would be best, but DCC does not have any jurisdiction. DCC would like to ask for a partnership program with DRED in the future. There is nothing in writing at this time about DRED having to advise the town of their upcoming actions. Chair will send out a request letter to the state asking for future advisements and possibly working together with the town and the Conservation Commission to form a partnership.

Other Business:

Recording Clerk, Ruth Robinson has spent \$41.99 on an ink cartridge and \$3.72 on a ream of paper, total cost for printing the minutes for the meetings (\$45.71). ***Margie Ives made a motion to reimburse Ruth Robinson \$45.71, to be taken from the Administrative account. Paul Dionne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

Farmers' Market - The next Farmers' Market falls on the 4th of July this year. Even though it is a holiday, the market will be open. There will be lots of fun filled activities for the children.

Adjournment:

Paul Dionne made a motion to adjourn. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Recording Clerk/Ruth Robinson