



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Update on COVID-19:

July 2020. Restrictions are relaxing statewide. All businesses are now open with restrictions. The Conservation meeting this evening is being held at the Derry Municipal Center 3rd floor meeting room. This is the first time since the COVID-19 outbreak began. The members that were seated complied with the 6-foot social distancing order, which is still in place everywhere at this time. The attendees wore face masks (optional) to help prevent the virus from spreading. Those members who did not want to attend were able to be present via the Zoom Virtual meeting process.

Minutes of Public Meeting July 27, 2020

On July 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm, the Derry Conservation Commission met in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Derry Municipal Center.

The following members were physically present at the Derry Municipal Center were James Degnan, Chair, Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, and Bob Boonstra. William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf and Justin Mitchell were present via Zoom. Members, Margaret Ives, Robert Spoerl and Alternate, Member, Paul Dionne, were absent. Bob Boonstra sat for Margaret Ives.

Approval of Minutes:

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2020. Bob Boonstra seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

SELT – Notification has been received from the South East Land Trust stating that they will be monitoring the Sawyer property this week. Commission members would not be able to attend the monitoring walk due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The second Invasive Species control treatment application has been applied to the Invasive Species at the Derry Transfers Station. The program runs in conjunction with the Rockingham County Conservation Districts. Thanks, were given to RCCD.

A hard copy of the Rutter Property Easement has been received. It was passed around to the commission members.

Broadview Mowing Plan Finalization Update – The Commission received an email from a resident about a Bobolink spotted at the Broadview Conservation Area. The resident also provided a wonderful photograph of the bird to the commission. Nesting Bobolinks in that area were of concern when planning the mowing process. Matt Tarr who had checked the area for the birds previously was also informed of the bird spotting. Matt thought that it would be ok to adhere to the established planned mowing date of August 3rd. David Ahearn, who will be doing the mowing at Broadview did another assessment of the area. His plan is to start at the back of the property and mow forward, mowing the growth down to about 6 to 8 inches. There could possibly be a touch up mowing in the fall. A sign has been posted to advise residents of a temporary closing of the property beginning August 3rd to allow for the mowing process. It has also been posted on Bringing Derry Together Facebook page. The public may contact James Degnan at nhdegnans@gmail.com with any questions.

Applications for the Moose Plate Grant are due shortly. There is also another state grant that could be helpful to DCC. Chair, James Degnan is working on these applications and will submit both.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Broadview Gardens – The gardens are in terrific shape regardless of the presence of many cottontail rabbits this year.

There had been previous discussion on coming up with guidelines for the use of Broadview camping area and tent platforms. James Degnan has come up with a baseline draft. Some of the topics discussed were pets, alcohol and glass, quiet time, firewood, motor vehicles, reservations, cancellations, chaperones for minors, holding events and much more etc. After member input, the commission decided to have the quiet time coincide with the Town of Derry Ordinance. All camping events must provide a certificate of liability insurance naming the Town of Derry as the certificate holder. There will be no alcohol. No use of glass bottles etc. on the property. Reservations by Derry residents should be made 14 days in advance. There will be no weddings or graduations events held. The property must be used for educational purposes. Local firewood only, is to be used. Dead wood in the area may be used if available. No damage should be done to any of the trees. Open to Derry organizations only. This baseline draft will be worked on further. DCC hopes to have the final guidelines in place by the spring of 2021.

Other Business:

Notification received by the University of NH Cooperative Extension. This topic has made National news. There have been some unsolicited packets of seeds coming into the country from China that have been sent out to people. A warning comes from UNH Co-op. These seeds could be invasive. Do not plant these seeds. If anyone in the public receives any of these seeds, it should be reported to the NH Dept. of Agriculture Food/Markets Division. This is an E-commerce scam.

Non-Public Session:

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."

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to enter into non-public session per RSA91-A:3-II(d). Eileen Chabot seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote.

Eileen Chabot -yes

Ric Buzzanga -yes

Bob Boonstra -yes

James Degnan -yes

Motion carried. The public portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm and the non-public session began.

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson