



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting August 13, 2018

On August 13, 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, Ric Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, Margaret Ives, William Lowenthal and Grace Reisdorf. Alternates, William Ventura and Paul Dionne were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Margaret Ives made a motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2018. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

DCC previously discussed with Lenny Lord's group a project for working on Invasive Species on Municipal properties. The transfer station was targeted for the project. Chair, James Degnan met with Arianna. They walked the transfer station area, the dog park, and the stock yard resulting in probably a bigger project than intended. Chair will do a second walk of these areas with Lenny Lord on August 14, 2018 to get Lenny's assessment. The project is ongoing and moving forward.

DES:

54 Berry Rd- Tax Map 2/ Lot 77 – Previously a homeowner at some point in the past, had installed some beaver pipes across the back side of the property. Folks in the area had concerns and contacted DES. There was a recommendation by DES to fully permit it or remove the pipes. The present homeowner has decided to remove the pipes. The deadline is August 27, 2018. A Conservation member will be able to view and assist with the removal process.

Site Review:

7 D'Amore Lane Tax Map 45 Lot 8 SEC & Associates Inc. This is a 7.7 acre property in the MDR zone. The project is to continue on with D'Amore Lane to create 3 additional house lots ending in a cul-de-sac. The area is wooded and of mild terrain, sloping from east to west. The area is not in a flood plain or aquifer. There are no historical sites, vernal pools or shoreland protection area. There is a wetland area along the southern portion. A Minimum Impact Wetlands permit has been submitted to DES for the project

and it has been approved. This report was passed around to members along with a drainage report. The project will create 584 sq. ft. of wetland impact at the endpoint in the cul-de-sac from grading and filling. This impact to the wetland is reported to have no value or function to the wetland. The new homes to be built will have their own wells, septic systems and driveways. The roadway drainage and erosion control design plan has been presented to and worked on by Mark L'Heureux from Derry Public Works. The plan results now meet all town requirements. The storm water will flow into catch basins within the cul-de-sac and off to an infiltration basin in the southwest corner.

DCC has concerns of the property being located upland of Beaver Lake and its watersheds and also the well heads and septic systems being right at the 75 foot setback. Lot #1 is very tight to the setback, even though all minimum state and local requirements have been met. There is a sewer line around the lake. Since D'amore Lane is a short street. It is only 300 to 400 feet from that sewer line. A suggestion was made by DCC to hook up the new homes to the line. There is willingness to move the setback to 80 feet or so if possible. DCC questioned the elevation of the property at its closest point to Beaver Lake. The property does abut the end portion of the Shepard Conservation area. DCC will do a site walk on August 16th at 3:00 pm. The elevation level will be presented to DCC at the site walk.

Site Review:

74 Chester Rd - Tax Map 55/ Lot 12-2- S&H Land Services, LLC. Robert Deegan presented. This is 2.4 acres in the MDR zone. There is an existing house at the westerly end of the property, a wetland in the middle and some upland area. The plan is to subdivide the property. There is an existing sewer pump station in the front, which will be attached to the proposed house. Access to the new lot will be made by extending an existing driveway. There will be no wetland impact. A variance was granted by the Zoning Board for the wetland setback to be reduced from 75 ft. to 50 ft. on June 7, 2018. DCC has concerns of flooding during heavy rain events causing inaccessibility to the new home. DCC has a concern as to why they were not informed or invited to the Zoning Board meeting for their input on the project at the time when the setback reduction was approved and the variance granted. DCC will do a site walk August 16th at 3:45 pm.

Site Review:

Lane Rd -Tax Map 06 / Lot 58 Promised Land Survey, Tim Peloquin presented the plan representing the Rutter family. This is a land subdivision. DCC was presented the first portion of the plan previously for a 4 lot road frontage subdivision which was successful. During that site walk there was discussion for a possible Conservation Easement or a Deed on the back parcel. This next portion of the plan is to subdivide the existing house lot of 39.2 acres. One portion of the subdivision would be for the existing house. Another portion of the subdivision will be a 12 to 13 acre parcel with frontage and deeded access through Fox Hollow for a driveway. The Rutter family will be building their new home in the area of the pond. There will be no wetland impact. There would be two lot line adjustments. One adjustment would be for the lot line behind the Rutter's new home. The other line adjustment will be a 2 ½ acre parcel that will be deeded to Kathy Brooks, the abutter. Kathy has been allowed by the Rutters, to this date, to use the area for a horse corral. Approximately, a 20 acre parcel will remain. The Rutters would like to either create a Conservation Easement or Deed to the Town of Derry on this remaining parcel. If there was to be an easement, there would be no form of motor vehicle use or hunting.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion for Chair to sign the plan for the lot line adjustments and sub

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division. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. There was discussion on the motion. It was decided that another site walk of the area should be done. . Ric Buzzanga withdrew his motion. There was further discussion by the members of DCC holding up the project's progress by Chair not signing the plan this evening. DCC has done site walk of the area in the past with the first portion of the plan but some of the members have not seen it.

Ric Buzzanga made a motion for Chair to sign the plan for the lot line adjustments and the creation of this additional lot only. All were in favor. Motion carried. DCC will do a second site walk August 16, 2018. Thanks were given to the Rutters.

Update on Conservation Activities:

Derryfest -The Derryfest booths for Conservation and Go Green have been paid for.

There was discussion on the purchase of tee shirts to be given out at the Derryfest. It was noted that tee shirts should be given mostly to land stewards, members and potential volunteers. It was decided to take inventory and price out the shirts needed with the vendor and the possibility of scaling down the order to a reasonable level. This will be looked into and followed up on.

There was discussion on the maps to be given out at Derryfest. It was decided to bring the master map and then focus on maps for three of the properties, Cole Marsh, Doolittle and Quail Hill. Maps of the newly acquired properties would be aerial maps since there are no trails on the properties yet. Maps for town owned properties and private lands that are town owned but not town managed will be needed.

Chair is still working with the Girls Scouts, who will be building bird houses for their project.

Broadview Gardens – The gardens are doing well. There are lots of rabbits this year.

Broadview Farm - “What’s up in the Sky Tonight”. About 30 people attended the event. Saturn and its moons could be seen.

Fireworks have been seen being lit off at Broadview. The party was confronted and apologized. The public was asked not to do that.

Go Green:

A reminder was given of the Invasive Species workshop at Broadview August 18th.

Adjournment:

Grace Reisdorf made a motion to adjourn. Ric Buzzanga seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Recording Clerk/Ruth Robinson

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