



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting August 23, 2021

On August 23, 2021, the Derry Conservation Commission met at the Derry Municipal Center, 3rd floor meeting room at 7:00 pm. The following members were present in person: James Degnan (Chair), Rick Buzzanga, Eileen Chabot, Bob Boonstra, Bob Spoerl, Margie Ives, Grace Reisdorf, William Lowenthal. Justin Mitchell attended via zoom. Following members were absent; Mariel Capulli.

Approval of Minutes:

Rick Buzzanga motions to approve the minutes from 8/9 with the amendment that Grace Reisdorf be moved to abstain from vote on minutes. Rick Buzzanga motions to approve; Bob Spoerl Seconds. All in favor. Eileen Chabot abstains. Motion carries.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

Meeting of Conservation Commissions – Derry has been invited by Sandown CC to meet at a Con Com Summit. Date is Thursday September 23rd from 7pm-9pm at the Sandown Town Hall. Open forum format where commissions can discuss current conservation practices.

Rockingham County Conservation District- 2020 Report from RCCD has been received. Board also received the special permit approval for round three of the Transfer Station Invasive Species control project.

NH Tree Farm- Farm Field Day to be held Saturday October 2nd. There is a \$20 per adult/\$10 per child fee to attend.

DES Notice- 24 North Shore Rd Tax Map 142 Lot 56-57 Notice of Incomplete application. Notice had listed multiple deficiencies to be addressed by applicant.

DES Notice- 917 Whitneys Grove Rd Lane 9 Tax Map 16 Lot 13 DES notifying owner of investigation into a potential oversized dock in comparison to original permit.

DES Notice- 6 Valerie Lane Tax Map 2 Lot 81-3 Inspection completed by Neil Bilodeau; no violation in the jurisdictional wetland to be found. Case to be closed.

DES Notice- 15 Forest St Tax Map 11 Lot 59 Forestry PBN. DES Wetland Permit approval with specific conditions set by DES..

Plan Review:

43.5 Crystal Ave Tax Map 32 Lot 025-003; The Grindhouse Doug McGuire The Dubai Group Inc

Doug McGuire stated he believed that the site walk went well; and is back to see if there are additional questions. Doug McGuire did not have a revised plan at this time. Chair stated that there was a plan to move snow storage area into the parking area. Doug McGuire stated that will be updated on the final planset. Rick Buzzanga asked if we will see the plan again before approval. Doug McGuire advised they are under revision and will be resubmitting to TRC. Will Lowenthal noted on sheet 5 there is a note regarding selective tree removal and preserving vegetation. Will Lowenthal requested at the rear of the parcel where Invasive Species were noted; that it be cut back to native vegetation. Will Lowenthal also asked that the property owner removes the trash and debris from the wetland. Doug McGuire stated that the landscape architect included that as a generic note. Based on development that area should be cleaned up accordingly. Chair asked for motion to sign plan pending amendments. Rick Buzzanga advised that he would prefer to hold off until final planset is complete and ready to present. Board agreed with Rick so no vote was taken. Doug McGuire asked for clarity on what Invasive Plant was found. Will Lowenthal advised it was autumn olive throughout site in both treeline and in field.

Plan Review:

5 Lot Project Drew Rd Tax Map 7 Lot 84 Jim Lavelle Lavelle and Associates

Plan was not heard. Chair advised we did attempt to walk the site but a new date would be set to walk again with Jim Lavelle.

Other Conservation Activities

Setback Discussion- Margie Ives asked about requiring sitewalks on all developments of Single Family structures within wetland setback. Request stems from recent ZBA meeting in which this scenario came up. Chair advised he reviewed ZBA meeting and request. Chair noted that DES was involved onsite with current owner; due to deficiencies with prior owner. Chair noted that due to changes in DES process that many plans may not always be seen by the commission. DES can process minimum impact and expedited permits without officially being seen by the Commission. The Commission would be notified by mail and would need to respond within the window advised on each notice with concerns. Eileen Chabot brought concerns about these changes before and confirmed we do have a window to comment. Rick Buzzanga has advised he has worked with Code Enforcement on potential violations when projects are ongoing. Margie asked Chair to review if we had notice of this particular parcel. Chair to follow up. Chair noted ZBA made the correct call to vote on plan as presented that evening without conservation commission intervention. Chair noted in no way is the discussion tonight a negative assessment of DES. Chair noted DES does a thorough job and we have full confidence and trust in their guidance.

Conservation Handbook- Margie Ives has asked for the updated copy of the Handbook. Grace Reisdorf will send Chair a copy of the email stating that the updated handbooks are available. Rick asked about making a motion establishing a budget to purchase. Chair advised at this time we should hold off until we have appropriate costs. Digital option may be preferred. Margie Ives asked that once purchase is made we review the content as a commission.

Motion to Adjourn: Rick Buzzanga motions to adjourn. Will Lowenthal seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Meeting Adjournment 7:31pm

Recorder: James Degnan
