



Derry Conservation Commission  
14 Manning St  
Derry, NH 03038

### **Minutes of Public Meeting August 24, 2020**

On August 24, 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 present: James Degnan, Chair, Ric Buzzanga, William Lowenthal, Grace Reisdorf and Alternate, Bob Boonstra. Members, Eileen Chabot, Margaret Ives, Robert Spoerl, Justin Mitchell and Alternate, Paul Dionne were absent. Bob Boonstra sat for Margaret Ives. The members present at the meeting complied with the COVID-19, 6-foot social distancing requirement. Face masks were optional.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Ric Buzzanga made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2020. Bob Boonstra seconded the motion. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

### **Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:**

Seasonal Land Steward, ~~Nicolai O'Hara~~ Micaelie O'Hare from the South East Land Trust recently monitored the Sawyer property. Nicolai gave positive feedback on the area. A suggestion was made to create a plan at the next DCC meeting to arrange for the monitoring process of the other Conservation properties.

A copy of the Granite State Tree Farmer has been received.

### **DES:**

*5 Taylor Brook Lane* - Tax Map 112/Lot 1841- This site was previously walked by DCC. The project is for a seasonal boat lift with a canopy. Some construction has taken place. Adjustments are being made to that construction at this time in order to bring it in line with the original PBN that was filed. This will be followed up on.

*Eversource* – A notification has been received from Lyndsay White of GVA Environmental. Lyndsay is representing Eversource, regarding transmission line replacement #373. Additional work will be done to the line in the fall of 2020 and the spring of 2021 involving some timber matting. DCC discussed as to whether or not to have Lyndsay White return to a DCC meeting to give a presentation and discuss the

upcoming work. DCC decided that a visit from Lyndsay White was not necessary. DCC will keep an eye on the project.

*Broadview Mowing-* The mowing of Broadview has now been completed. It looks fabulous. DCC feels that they got a good return on their investment on the mowing job. The mowing in the front portion of the property went smoother than had been anticipated. Some hourly time was saved in the front section. The total allotment previously approved by DCC for the mowing process was \$1200.00. The total cost came to approximately \$1020.00. (under budget). Previously DCC discussed a second mowing to be done this year sometime late in the season. The cost would be \$800.00. This year we are in drought conditions. The field may be slow growing because of this. A wait and see approach was decided upon as to whether or not there would be a second mow. Going forward, the mowing contractor recommended the property be hayed as well as mowed. DCC also thinks that the property should be hayed and mowed. The town has a contact person that could do the haying job in the future. DCC would like to use that contact.

***Ric Buzzanga made a motion to retain a second mowing of the property at a cost of \$800.00 to be performed in September, 2020. Grace Reisdorf seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.***

A working day needs to be planned to remove the Sumac in the firepit area at Broadview. This would open up the view. Some public comments were made about removing the butternut trees in the front of the property. After discussion, DCC decided not to remove the butternut trees.

*Broadview Camping-* Previously a draft plan for camping rules were drawn up by the Chair and presented to the commission for review. This evening the draft is being reviewed and revised further. Revisions made this evening includes:

1. Use of Alcohol – No alcohol or use of glass, fireworks etc. in the area is allowed. There is a Zero tolerance for this. Quiet time is per Derry ordinance.
2. Residents versus non-residents – Derry residents only, non-residents and Derry organizations were discussed. Someone can live out of town yet be a part of a Town of Derry organization. A decision was made to allow non-residents to use the camping area as long as they were part of an organization that is registered in Derry.
4. Firewood/Foraging – No dead wood found in the area is to be used for burning. Local wood only is to be brought in for campfires. Cutting of trees is not allowed.
5. The camping area will not be restricted to just campers. Trail users will be allowed to use the trails around the camp sites, even when campers are present.
6. Pets - All pets must be leashed, licensed and kept in control by their owners at all times.
7. Chaperones – There is to be a minimum of two chaperones whenever minors are present.
8. Trash – All trash is to be taken off the property.

#### **Update on Conservation Activities:**

Broadview Gardens - The gardens are looking good. There has been some theft in the gardens. The public was informed that these are community gardens and gardeners have reserved the space for their own use and produce should not be taken by others.

**Other Business:**

A tent and some clothing were discovered at one of the town Conservation properties. The public was asked that the owner of the items remove them, or the items will be disposed of.

**Non-Public:**

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 RSA 91-A:3-(d). Bob Boonstra seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.***

*Ric Buzzanga -yes*

*Grace Reisdorf -yes*

*William Lowenthal – yes*

*Bob Boonstra -yes*

*James Degnan – yes*

**Motion carried. The public meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. and the non-public session began.**

Recording Clerk/ Ruth Robinson